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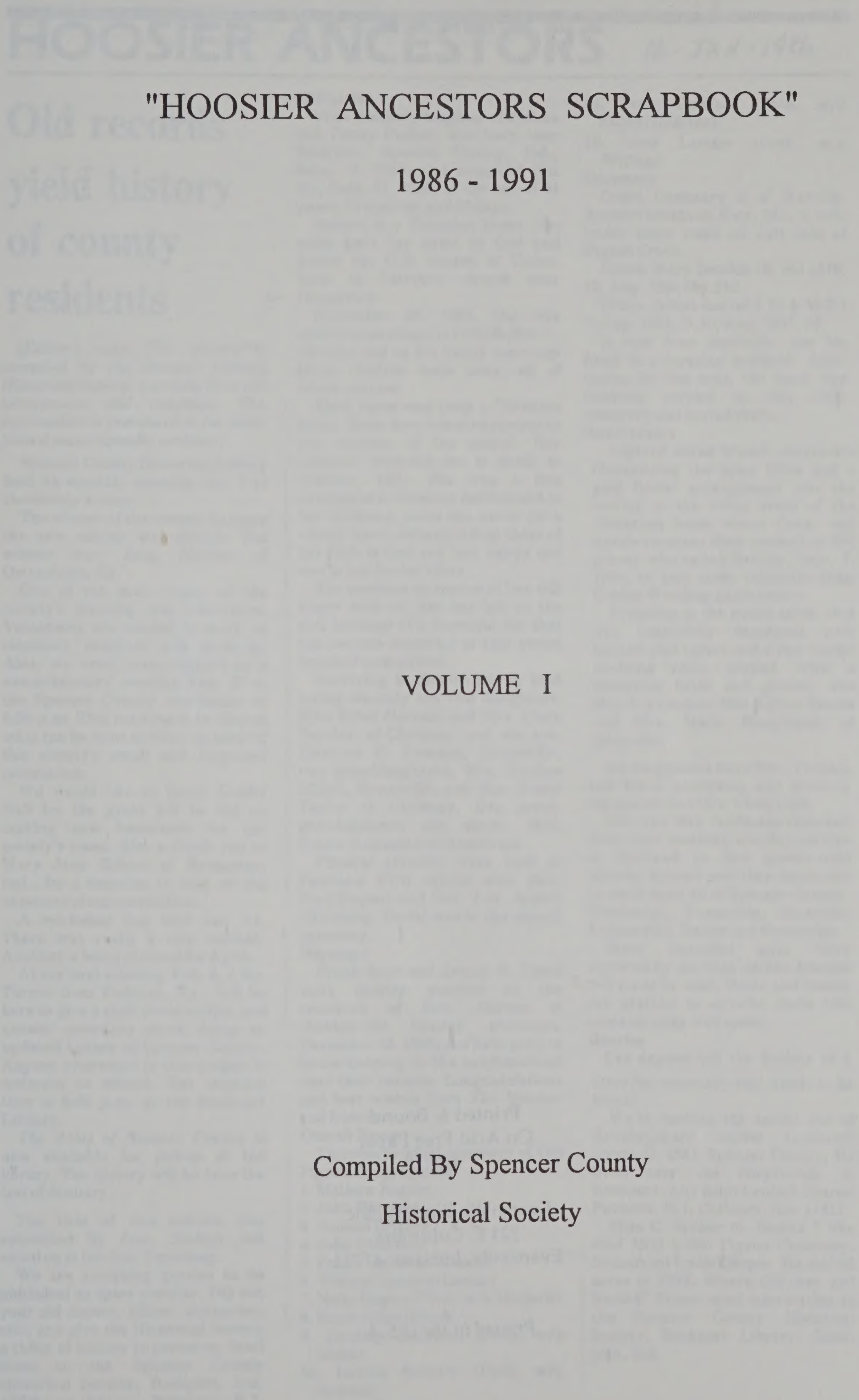

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Spencer County Historical Society held its monthly meeting Jan. 7 in the society's room.

The winner of the contest to name the new column was chosen. The winner was Joan Shelton of Owensboro, Ky.

One of the main topics of the society's meeting was volunteers. Volunteers are needed to work on cemetery readings and clean-up. Also, we need your support at a commissioners' meeting Feb. 27 at the Spencer County courthouse at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to discuss what can be done to clean up some of this county's small and forgotten cemeteries.

We would like to thank Dubby Hall for the great job he did on making new bookcases for the society's room. Also a thank you to Mary Jane Zellers of Rochester, Ind., for a donation to help on the expenses of our newsletter.

A workshop was held Jan. 11. There was really a nice turnout. Another is being planned for April.

At our next meeting, Feb. 4, a Mr. Turner from Paducah, Ky., will be here to give a slide presentation and answer questions about doing an updated history of Spencer County. Anyone interested in this project is welcome to attend. The meeting time is 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Library.

The Atlas of Spencer County is now available for pickup at the library. The history will be here the last of January.

The title of this column was submitted by Joan Shelton and voted on at the Jan. 7 meeting.

We are accepting queries to be published as space permits. Dig out your old diaries, Bibles, obituaries, etc., and give the Historical Society a tidbit of history to preserve. Send them to the Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport, Ind. 47635, or Sharon Patmore, R.1, Chrisney, Ind. 47611.

Obituaries

Viola Dawson, daughter of Joshua and Fanny Parker, was born near Rockport, Spencer County, Ind., Sept. 16, 1865, and departed this life, Sept. 11, 1960, at the age of 94 years, 11 months, and 25 days.

Reared in a Christian home, she early gave her heart to God and joined the U.B. church at Union, later to Fairview church near Grandview.

November 25, 1886, she was united in marriage to Christopher C. Dawson and to his happy marriage three children were born, all of whom survive.

Their home was truly a Christian home. Their door was always open to the minister of the gospel. Her husband preceded her in death in October, 1923. She was a fine example of a Christian mother and in her declining years she never let a visitor leave without telling them of her faith in God and how happy she was in her Savior's love.

The precious memories of her will linger with us. She has left us the rich heritage of a beautiful life that has become immortal in that sweet haven of eternal rest.

Surviving to cherish her in fond loving memory are two daughters, Miss Ethel Dawson and Mrs. Clara Beasley, of Chrisney, and one son, Clarence P. Dawson, Evansville, two granddaughters, Mrs. Pauline Elliott, Evansville, and Mrs. Violet Taylor of Chrisney, five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Emma Hammond of Grandview.

Funeral services were held at Fairview EUB church with Rev. Earl Nossett and Rev. J.M. Austin officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Marriage

Frank Bays and Jennie H. Lloyd were quietly married at the residence of Rev. Carnes at Newtonville Sunday afternoon, December 23, 1906, and have gone to house-keeping in the neighborhood near their parents. Congradulations and best wishes from *The Monitor* and friends.

Church News

Thirteen original members of Old Pigeon Congregation

1. Mathew Rogers
2. John Harrison
3. Samuel Bristow
4. John Tenneson
5. Enuch Garrison (Enoch)
6. William Lamare (Lamar)
7. Nelly Rogers (Prob. w/o Mathew)
8. Diner Allen (Dinah)
9. Jemimy Harrison (Prob. w/o (John)
10. Lavina Bristow (Prob. w/o Samuel)
11. Sarah Powell
12. Patsy Garrison (Prob. w/o Enoch) (Martha)
13. Lucy Lamare (Prob. w/o William)

Cemetery

Crook Cemetery S of Warrick-Spencer bridge on Hwy. 161, ¼ mile under large trees on east side of Pigeon Creek.

Croks, Mary Zerelda 10, Jul 1819, 13, Aug. 1854 35y.21d.

Croks, Infant dau (of J.S. & M.Z.) 7, Aug. 1851, D.10, Aug. 1851, 3d.

A man from Boonville, lost his hand in a hunting accident. After caring for the man, the hand was tenderly carried to this little cemetery and buried there.

Anniversary

Lighted seven branch candelabra illuminating the open Bible and a gold flower arrangement was the setting in the living room of the Anderson home where Oscar and Bessie received their more than 200 guests who called Sunday, Nov. 7, 1954, to help them celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Presiding at the punch table, that was beautifully decorated with lighted gold tapers and a four tiered wedding cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom, was Mrs. Ivy Conner, Mrs. Lillian Brown and Mrs. Marie Houghland, of Boonville.

Serving guests were Mrs. Virginia and Edna Anderson, and greeting the guests was Mrs. Chris Lusk.

Rev. and Mrs. Anderson returned from their morning worship service at Richland to find guests had already arrived and they continued to come from all of Spencer County, Newburgh, Evansville, Boonville, Folsomville, Pelzer and Evansville.

Many beautiful gifts were received by the host couple, besides 175 cards by mail. Oscar and Bessie are grateful to all who made this occasion a day well spent.

Queries

Can anyone tell the Society of a little lost cemetery that needs to be found?

We're seeking the burial site of Revolutionary soldier Lodowick Davis, D. 1841, Spencer County. He lived near the fairgrounds in Rockport. Any help? Contact Sharon Patmore, R.1, Chrisney, Ind. 47611.

Silas C. Barker m. Rodica ? She died 1856 b Old Pigeon Cemetery. Remarried Lydia Cooper. He sold 40 acres in 1874. Where did they go? Buried? Please send information to the Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport Library, Rockport, Ind.

Rev. Flowers Called By Early Christian Members

(By Mrs. Mabel Herbert)

In the year 1877, a small group of the members of the Christian church living in or near Rockport, began meeting each Lord's day to worship and observe the Lord's Supper in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson on Main street now known as the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rimstidt.

These meetings in 1880 resulted in the organization of the Rockport Christian church and the calling of Rev. Alfred Flowers of Illinois as part-time minister with the following charter members: Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Newton Vawter, W. H. Hardesty, Charles Ware, Mrs. Elizabeth Feehrer, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, Mr. and Mrs. James Stevenson, Mrs. Kilgore, Joseph Griggs, Miss Etta Dobbins, Mr. and Mrs. Stallcap and William Stevenson.

In the following year, these members were added: Mrs. Jennie Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. John Chewning, Misses Emma, Lizzie and Anna Stevenson, Mrs. Nannie Brinkman, Miss Fannie Vawter, Miss Annie Stevenson. Later Mrs. James Taylor and Miss I. Mounts, who later became Mrs. George Thomas.

John Stevenson and Charles Ware were first elders. Their successors were Mr. Vawter and Mr. Hardesty. Mr. Hardesty was closely connected with the business interests of the town as he was proprietor of one of the best drug stores and also published the "Indiana Pocket" which was later purchased by John Chewning and the name was changed to the Rockport Journal.

Rev. Alfred Flowers was minister to the church for only a short time, but as long as he lived, when visiting his granddaughter, Miss Daisy Flowers in Evansville, who later became Mrs. Henry Veatch, the grandson of one of Rockports prominent early citizens, Gen. James C. Veatch, he would always visit and preach for the church here.

For a time, the church was without a pastor but during this period much credit was given to both Rev. Terrell and Rev. Hardy, ministers of the Owensboro Christian church for their services in helping the congregation here in its work.

Then, in 1884, Rev. George Farrell became the pastor, although he never resided here. At an earlier date, plans were begun for building a church and a lot was purchased at the southeast corner of the court house square for the sum of three hundred dollars and contruction of the building was started. Until the church was completed, services were held in the court house.

The heaviest contributors to the building fund were Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson and their daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Feehrer however, Mr .and Mrs. Stevenson did not live to see the completion of the new church building. The death of Mr. Stevenson occurred in 1881 and that of his wife, Elizabeth, in 1883.

John Stevenson was not only a prosperous farmer of the county but he opened and operated the first coal mine in this vicinity and those on the Ohio river just below Hawesville, Ky. Many of his descendants still live in Spencer County. One of his daughters, Mrs. Jane Abshire, a loyal member of the church, operated the Cottage Hotel for many years assisted by her daughter, Miss Anna.

On the third Sunday in June, 1884, the new church building was dedicated by Rev. D. R. VanBuskirk of Indianapolis and for many years there was an active congregation holding regular services and supporting a well organized Sunday school.

Prepartory to clearing the block for the construction of the present court house in 1915, the church building was moved just across the street to its present location at Walnut and Second streets.

In that year, the official board consisted of the following members: Elders were J. H. Taylor and Claude Beeler; deacons, Louis Wilkinson, Frank Kincaid, Charles Mayhall and J. O. Chewning. Trustees were William Stevenson and Louis Wilkinson.

Throughout the years from 1912 until recently, the women of the church supported a flourishing missionary society which was in the beginning affiliated with the Women's Board of Christian Missions with headquarters in Indianapolis. Mrs. Laura Wilkinson served as district secretary of the organization for several years in a most efficient manner. Mrs. Wilkinson is our oldest living member and on Dec. 21 celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary. Altho unable to attend services, she is a loyal and interested member.

Other officers of the society were Mrs. Katherine Goldman, Mrs. James Rimstidt and Mrs. Maude Richards, the latter two now deceased.

All 3 women were always active and most helpful in the work of the congregation. The death of both Mrs. Rimstidt and Mrs. Richards was a loss to the church.

The membership of the church has remained small through the years but the few members, undiscouraged and loyal to their faith, have continued to meet each Sunday for Sunday School and to observe the Lord's Supper as often the church has been without a pastor.

Alfred C. Wright, a great-great-grandson of the charter member and founder of the church, John Stevenson, has served as minister for some time and he and his wife, Rose, deserve much praise for their services to the church.

The First Christian Church of Evansville has often supplied us with layman speakers for the Sunday morning service for which we are most grateful.

Recently Rev. Escoe Robinson of near Boonville has accepted an invitation from the church to serve as full time minister, although he will not, at present reside here. There will be both morning and evening services on Sunday with prayer meeting on Thursday night.

So ends the history of the Christian church to the present time but we hope it will be able to do its part in making the town of Rockport, in the future, a better town in which to live.

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County histories ready at Rockport library

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The Warrick, Spencer, Perry County Histories are in and ready for pickup during regular library hours. The books are still available for purchase at $42 each. Atlases are $21.

The regular Spencer County Historical Society meeting will be next Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport-Ohio Township Public Library. A publisher will present information on a possible updated history as a future project.

Wedding

November 1917

Mr. Allen Burns and Miss Hazel Wells were married last Sunday at 2 p.m. at the M.E. parsonage in this city. Rev. M.O. Robbins pronouncing the ceremony. The bridegroom is an estimable young man, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Burns, living three miles north of the city, and the bride is a lady held in high esteem by a large circle of friends, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wells of North Rockport. They were given a charivari at home of the groom's parents Monday night. They will probably make their home in Evansville.

Obituary

Floyd Sarver

Floyd Sarver, oldest son of Matilda and Wilford Sarver, was born near Newtonville Jan. 2, 1886, and departed this life March 3, 1925, at 6:30 p.m., aged 39 years, 2 months and 1 day.

Floyd was reared on a farm near Richland where he spent the first 20 years of his life with his parents. At that time he was united in marriage to Sophia Gunn, of Warrick county. To this union 4 children were born, namely, Estel, Mary, Lillian and Floyd Jr. His father preceded him in death 8 months ago. He leaves an aged mother and 7 brothers and sisters, namely, Clem, August, Shirley, Fred, Flora Mayer, Lulla Haaf, and Bertha Mayer. Last but not forgotten a kind and loving wife who has rendered every possible means during his long years of suffering.

He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen of America of which orders he lived a true and faithful member.

Floyd was converted several years ago and has lived a Christian life ever since. He bore his long suffering with much patience and the sad part was he wanted to live long enough to raise his family. But God knows what is best so Floyd quietly and peacefully went to sleep.

Funeral services were held March 5th at the home and also at Mt. Zion church by Rev. Wm. Medcalf with burial in Zion cemetery.

By One Who Knew Him Best

Looking Back

Items gleaned from 21, Mar, 1904

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Vogel, a son.

Europe Littlepage died at Santo Monica, California

Dr. J.H. Bryant, aged 84, died at Gentryville.

Ernest Chansler, aged 19, died at his home in Chrisney.

Mrs. James Romaine died at her home near Gentryville.

Mabel Mears, aged 23 years, died in a hospital in Evansville.

Mrs. Mary Beeler Shuff, aged 30, died at her home near Midway.

Word was received of the death of Joe Rimstidt, brother of James and John, in California.

Where's That?

Persimmonville Items 12, Oct, 1917

Rockport paper

On account of the hickory nut season being on, the congregation at the church was rather light Sunday morning.

The loafers at the corner saloon are predicting a short winter. They say that April will be on us before we are aware of it.

Deacon Hardshell's wife was 54 years old last Saturday. The good deacon remembered the occasion by presenting her with a brand new wash-board.

Sol Muckrake was fine $1 and costs in Squire Knowall's court last Monday for making light of his gas bill.

Anyone know where Pucker uh Persimmonville was located?

Teachers of Harrison Township 1903-4

Trustee Reckelhoff announces the following teachers for the Harrison township schools for the coming term: No. 1 Emma Hilt; No. 2 Fred Fuchs; No. 3 Ida M. Martin; No. 4 Jacob Weaver; No. 5 Sr. Edward Seberth; No. 5 Sr. Martina Buess; No. 6 --; No. 10 Fred Widmer; No. 11 W.K. Fisher; No. 12 Leo R. Roth; No. 13 Ben J. Bockting.

Death

Boonville Standard Selvin-Taylorville Items 25, Mar, 1880

Mrs. Permelia McVey died 10, Mar, 1880, at Taylorville. She was the mother of Dr. W.H. McVey of Taylorsville and had several other children in Spencer County, all of whom have arrived at manhood. Mrs. McVey was born in Va. in the year 1814 and removed to Spencer county at an early age. She joined the Methodist church when quite young. Pleasant Valley Cemetery B4, May 1814. Maiden name--Ice.

Queries:

Where is Iron City?

Mary Jane Jeffrey Zellers, R.6, Box 167, Rochester, IN 46975. Interested in Burkhart, Dawson and Jeffrey families to correspond and trade information.

Naomi M. Craig, R.3, Box 260, Ada, Okla. 74820. Researching surnames: Musgrave, Winkler, Wood and Medcalf.

Criswell ancestors please write to: Sandra Kay Voyles, 828 W. Jefferson, Bloomington, Ill. 61701.

Gary Wood, 12625 McFeron Rd., Poway, Calif. 92064, writes that he is looking for the Jones or McCoy lines.

Mrs. Ehrmann Writes Of The Organization Of Pioneer Churches

The following manuscript containing valuable information of pioneer churches in the county was written and read by Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann, curator for the Spencer County Historical Society:—

One of our most priceless heritages in life is the church, the visible church of Christ.

Wherever a few American people are gathered together, especially while pioneering, there is sooner or later a demand for the establishment of a religious service, and so it was in Spencer County in an early day.

Our Pilgrim Fathers came to America for freedom to worship God and our nation was founded upon those principles.

Perhaps none here tonight have helped build the churches of our city or county, but by the labors of others we enjoy our heritage.

At the present time, here in Spencer County we have many large and active churches, but our thoughts go back to those pioneer days, when in a wilderness country it took courage and a great faith in God for those early settlers to build the first churches.

The work of those brave men and women is going on today in carrying forward the teachings of the Kingdom.

We shall not in this short program speak of the activities of our present day churches, nor will it be possible to mention the names of the members of those various early churches which are listed here.

Many of you present tonight are descendants of those early Christians in Spencer County and know the activities of your ancestors in God's churches.

The first church organized in this county was by the Baptists, on June 8, 1916, by John Weldon and Thomas Downs.

The organization consisted of 13 members, six males and seven females.

Samuel Bristow was chosen pastor.

The members commenced the building of a meeting house in the year 1819 and occupied it during the summer of 1825. It was a log building, one and one half stories high, 26 feet wide and 36 feet long.

The site of this church is about one mile south of Lincoln City.

Thomas Lincoln did the carpenter work of the building. It was called "Little Pigeon Meeting House." Today we speak of it as "Old Pigeon Baptist Church," as there is another church called "Little Pigeon Baptist Church" about three miles south of this first church. This latter named "Little Pigeon Church" is an active church and recently celebrated its 112 years of work.

In the Lincoln Pioneer Village in Rockport is an exact replica of the "Old Pigeon" log church and thousands of people have visited this quaint old building since 1935 when the village was opened and dedicated.

The Rockport Methodist Episcopal church or "Class" as it was called in that day, was the second pioneer church to be organized in Spencer County.

It came into existence in 1822 and met in the homes of its members in the beginning, then after a few years, with increased membership it met in the Court House.

In 1823 a log church known as the Bennett Methodist Church was built. This church was on the road going south toward Oak Grove, where now there is a graveyard on the Jake McIntire farm. Reverend Wallace was the first minister.

This church prospered and may be considered the parent of all the Methodist Episcopal classes organized in the southern and central portion of Ohio township.

Later in the early fifties, when Oak Grove, Oak Springs, Barnett, Forest Grove, Enterprise and Wesley Chapel classes were organized, there was great progress made and Oak Grove, Hamilton and Wesley Chapel classes built churches at Oak Grove, Hamilton and Eureka.

Three of the classes, Oak Springs, Barnett and Forest Grove did not build a church until 1872. They then erected a beautiful brick building and named it Kingsley, but before the building was finished the name was changed to Shiloh, because a young Civil War soldier, Henry Wright, who fell at the battle of Shiloh in 1862, had requested before he went to war, that when he died he wished to be buried on this beautiful wooded knoll, which is now Shiloh cemetery.

The Hamilton Church was built in 1840 and was located about one-half mile east of what is now Alexander Chapel.

It was a large log church and was known for hospitality and good fellowship. Many camp meetings were held here.

Alexander Chapel was named for Alexander Williamson who was killed hauling logs.

In 1838 the Rockport Methodist members began building a church which was completed in 1842 at a cost of $4,000.00. It was a brick structure and stood on North Fifth street, a block and a half from Main street.

Rev. Stephen Ravenscroft was the first pastor of the new church.

The years passed and the members grew in numbers. In 1856 the society at the Gentry school house, just outside the town, was organized and the membership of the main church increased until the trustees decided that a larger church should be erected, so in 1868 the present Methodist Church on the corner of Fifth and Walnut streets was built.

Then the society of the Gentry school had become so large that a Chapel was built there in 1871 and became an annex of the Main church. It was called Gentry Chapel.

Gentry Chapel is no longer in existence but the main church has grown and recently built a large addition to their building.

All the Methodist classes and churches had been on what was called "The Boonville Circuit" but now became "The Rockport Circuit."

The Presbyterian Organization was perfected in Rockport in 1850 but a church was not built until 1855-56. The members met in the school house and the Court House for five years before building their church.

A Presbyterian church was built at Midway in 1873 and one at Silverdale in 1874.

Both of these Presbyterian churches and one at Knob Station in 1884 were founded by Reverend W. L. Nourse, who served as pastor at various times for all four of these Presbyterian groups.

The Rockport Baptist church was founded in 1874 and a church building was erected in 1875, which is standing in good condition in this year of 1953.

The Christian Church of Rockport was organized in 1880 by Rev. Alfred Flowers of Illinois and the church building was erected in 1884 and dedicated in 1885. It is in excellent condition today.

St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized at Rockport in March, 1870 by Reverend P. M. Reidenbach and a church erected on North Fifth street in 1872-74.

Many years later, in 1896, a new church, called Trinity Lutheran Church, was built on Elm street and today the original old church is used as the Negro grade school.

A Presbyterian church was built in Dale in the early 1849's and used until 1871-72 when the present church was built. The Presbyterian Society there had met in homes and school houses until the church was erected.

The United Brethren Church at Dale was built about 1855-57. The "Class" as it was called had been organized many years before the church was built.

The German Methodists at Santa Fe built a church about 1882 and they, like all the different denominations in the county, had had an organization long before there was a church building.

About 1862 the German Lutherans opened their nice, new church at Clay City, then south of Santa Fe, a church was built by the Christian Denomination.

Both the Christians and the Methodists had organizations at Gentryville and both denominations erected churches as early as 1848.

Then there was the Tippecanoe Methodist Church of Grass Township organized about 1822.

The United Brethren called "Mount Zion" 2 miles south and one mile east of Richland City was built about 1855 and the Ebenezer United Brethren Church was erected in 1857.

The General Baptist Church of Richland was built in 1850 and Wesley Chapel (Methodist) about 1859.

A short distance east of Eureka the Baker's Creek Baptist Church had its origin about 1822 and in 1827 a hewed log church was built.

Rev. Isaac Veatch was an early pastor. He was the father of General James C. Veatch, citizen of Rockport and Civil War fame.

In 1844 a Christian Church was built in the northwestern part

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of Ohio Township and called "Friendship Christian Church".

The Grandview Baptist Church was organized in July 1860 but they did not have a church building until 1870.

There was a United Brethren Church built at Fairview and another at Mt. Moriah, soon after the war.

At New Hope, the Evangelical Lutheran Church was built, then after Grandview was incorporated the Lutherans built their church there in 1853. It is soon to celebrate its 100th anniversary. Rev. Glenn was the pastor.

At Newtonville the Methodists had organized in the early twenties and the Baptists as early as 1824 and both later built churches there.

As early as 1827 the Methodists had meetings in the vicinity of Grandview and in 1845 a log schoolhouse was built in the western part of the town and the church group held their meetings there, then in 1858 a frame church was built and the pastor served this congregation, also a class called "Turner's Chapel" and the Highland class. Later both of these groups built churches.

At New Boston the Methodists formed a class, very early, also the Lutherans built a log church there in 1850.

A Christian Church was built at Huffman's Mill just after the Civil War.

In 1853 the Catholics bought land in Harrison Township, Spencer County and occupied a log house which was on the land. They blessed this house and land and named it St. Meinrad. On this land today is the famed St. Meinrad Abbey, the Monastery, College, Church, Library, Work Shops, etc.

In 1859 the New Boston Catholics built a church there and a log church had been built by them at Fulda about 1847.

Between 1849-50 a small brick church was built in Rockport and named St. Bernard Catholic Church. Reverend John William Book became the first resident pastor in 1874. This first Catholic Church in Rockport became a Catholic School, when the present church was built in 1875 on Elm Street.

Catholic Churches were built at Centerville in 1866 and Mariah Hill in 1865.

In the early 1840's the Salem Evangelical Association was organized in Rockport and in 1841 a small church built. Members of this church in Grass Township belonged to the class in Rockport for quite some time.

A United Brethren Church was built at Grandview in 1850.

Mr. George A. Bauman had come from Germany in 1836 and some time later settled in Rockport. He was a devout Christian and he wanted a church where he could worship in the German language. He interested other German citizens and through the efforts of this group a United Brethren Church was built in 1841 and dedicated by Reverend Elias Robertson, a traveling missionery. This church became known as "The Wooden Shoe" because the pastor frequently wore his wooden shoes in the pulpit.

The fame of this church grew and people attended it's services from Gentryville, Chrisney, Troy, Grandview, Boonville and Dale.

The membership increased until a larger church was built in 1891.

In 1948 the Evangelical Churches and United Brethren Churches united and in 1952-53 a new church was built on Washington Street.

Out near the settlement called Lake Mill, which is a vanished village now, a little frame church called "Union Chapel" was built about 1865 by the United Brethren membership. It is standing today and active in the Lord's Work.

About 5 miles east of Lincoln City in 1849 was organized the Santa Fe Camp Ground where camp meetings were held in the open. Large logs were piled in a clearing in the woods and set afire to give light for the night meetings. People came from far distances to hear the Gospel preached. Later in the year 1849, near Christmas time, this Camp Ground was named "Santa Claus Methodist Camp Ground" and a church was built in 1859. This church was replaced in 1873 by the present beautiful church.

Two colored churches were organized in Rockport in an early day.

Mackey Chapel was sponsored by the Rockport Methodist Church and the ground was donated by Mrs. Lepka Mackey, an outstanding Christian woman.

The church was built following the Civil War and stands today and holds meetings.

In 1869 the Smithfield Baptist Church was built on West Seminary Street. It was a small frame church and cost $500.00 In 1875 Mr. Philip Eigenman built the present brick church for the colored people and it was dedicated in 1877, and is active today.

The pioneer churches of our county may not have been such large churches nor were they the most beautiful in the world but they gave us our religious heritage, yours and mine.

There may have been several pioneer churches which are not listed here but the writer of this article has endeavored to secure all possible information on those early churches built before 1885.

There are several churches in different localities in the county, which we consider as old churches, but they do not compare in age with the pioneer churches listed here, so are not mentioned.

There were eight different denominations in our county in pioneer days. There are many more denominations today and numerous new churches scattered over the county, which should give us all a deep satisfaction.

For information concerning some of the pioneer churches in Spencer County, credit is here given to several old persons and to papers written in the last few years by Mrs. Katherine Ramsey, Mrs. Garnet Parsley and Mrs. Corrina Therber. Also helpful were records in the old Spencer County Atlas of 1879 and the history of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties of 1885.

Numerous were those pioneer preachers in Spencer County. These men whom God sent to pioneer His Cause, did a great mission work in developing the first churches of our county. Nobly did they perform their duties and may it truthfully be said that nowhere has religion, pure and undefiled, been more fully exemplified than by those ministers in all the pioneer churches of Spencer County.

Let us today be thankful for those brave men, with their missionary spirit which paved the way for our churches of today.

"May we undertake our duties for our church and for our Lord with such measure of devotion as accords with His own Word. If our human obligations thus are recognized, Why then Surely God should have our Service now and evermore."

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From the Society's files:

Border Life

Described by a Hammond Township boy.

Clint, Texas, March 4, 1912

Dear FAther:-We are down here on the Rio Grande river doing border patrol guard. The United States government has placed the ban on arms and ammunition going into Mexico and they are smuggling a lot across or have been. We are here to stop it. My company is patroling about fifty miles. We go out for a week at a time. I just got in yesterday with my squad and will start again tomorrow.

This is nothing but a desert down here, except where they irrigate. They irrigate the Rio Grande river bottom and that land sells for over $200 per acre. The farmers are making fortunes on it, too. You see the government irrigated it, and five years ago it could be bought for $10 per acre that now sells for over $200 per acre.

El Paso is a great mining center and depends upon the east for provisions, such as vegetables and farm products. So you see the few farmers in the Rio Grande Valley have a fine market for their products. They raise more alfalfa than anything else. They raise from three to four tons to the acre in the season, and now they get $18 per ton for it. It is no trouble to raise. All they do is to plant it like clover and then cut about five crops a season. It does not rain here at all and you see it is no trouble to harvest and cure. The cost of water privilege is nothing. Lots of farmers have only from five to ten acres and raise poultry and vegetables and they are growing rich at it. Just imagine a canal leaving the Ohio river at Troy and running down the highest ridge in the bottoms. Then where you live it would go down the ridge where we used to live over on the river road and would probably re-enter the river near Rockport. From this canal the whole valley could be watered. That is irrigation down here.

The land is all sandy and as fertile as Corn Island. I wish this war in Mexico would end so we could go back to San Antonio. I am as healthy as usual. I have hiked myself lean, my face is as black as an Indian's and my lips are swollen from drinking alkali water. I would like to get back where there are some trees growing now and they have a good rain.

We have sand storms here but no rain. Nothing grows at San Antonio except on the creek. Large pecan trees grow there but that is all. They have plenty of rain there in the winter, but none in the summer.

If I had the time and they would grant me a furlough I would come home for three months and help you put in the crops. I have done harder work in the last year than I ever done before. Nothing but hike, hike, day in and day out and carry a gun and blanket roll.

Your son,
Louis C. Sauter

Obituaries

Annie J. Thorpe

Annie J. Kennedy, eldest daughter of James Kennedy and Eliza Weatherill, was born June 24, 1879, in a cottage on a farm near Santa Claus. She went to be with her Lord and Savior July 11, 1955. In March of 1890 she, with her parents, moved to Grandview. She finished common school at Grandview in May of 1896. She was converted and joined New Hope United Brethren Church in March of 1896, under Rev. L.L. Schoonover, the pastor at that time. She loved to go to church and her faith was an inspiration to all who knew her.

On February 24, 1901, she was united in marriage to Ernest Thorpe. In the evening of December 23, 1941, his master said, "your work is done, come with me." He said many times during his illness he was ready to go home. To this union 9 children were born, Walter J. Thorpe, Ella Egnew, Mary and Oscar who died in infancy, Ruth Talbot, Nellie McCellan, Lewis Thorpe, Alice Cadick and John Thomas Thorpe. She leaves 4 sisters, Mrs. Alice Bath, Mrs. Mayme Heatley, Mrs. Ella Quinlan, and Mrs. Flora Ward; two brothers, Henry and Nim Kennedy, 14 grandchildren and 6 great grand-children.

To her family and to her many, many friends she leaves a beautiful memory of love and devotion.

The Hammonds, as told by P.A. Hammond, May 26, 1929.

P.A. Hammond, Grandview's oldest native-born citizen, was a caller Tuesday afternoon and we asked him a few questions concerning his family history from which we glean the following: The Hammonds came here from Maryland when his father, John Hammond, was six years old, and he was born in 1802. The elder Hammonds, James and Samuel, entered land from the east of present Main Street in Grandview to or past Little Sandy creek and north into the second section from the river. His father, John Hammond, married Sarah Ray, the youngest daughter of Ezekiel Ray, who entered land to the west of the Hammond tract. He was born in a log cabin near the site of the "Lum" Wood home. He thinks the Ray family came from Tennessee. He says he once shot a wild turkey on the present site of the mill pond and it was about the time of the big high water in 1847, which water was a little higher than in 1832. This turkey was killed several years before the first lots were surveyed for the town of Grandview. Mr. Hammond was born May 26, 1834, and will be 95 years of age next Sunday.

Queries

Seeking help on Kinney--1860 census Grass Twp., Godfrey Kinney, 44, France, Agness Kinney, 51, Wittenburg. Never heard of them again. Children of Spencer County, Mary, Francis, William m. Katie Boyd, Caroline m. Jacob Miller.

We need someone to send old items from the northern area of Spencer County to use in our column.

Send information to: Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, Ind. 47635.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

The Spencer County Historical Society held a short monthly meeting Feb. 4 in order to have a speaker from Turnner and Associates.

Mr. Turnner from Paducah, Ky., gave a presentation on new county histories that his company has done. These books were of nice quality and were nice to read. He also talked about what we as a county would have to do to prepare for an updated history.

A project of this type usually takes 1½ years to prepare. It would include histories from churches, schools and businesses. Also people with Spencer County ties would be able to submit a 500-word family history and one picture at no charge. This book would be an updated history of Spencer County from the 1885 Goodspeed to the present date. This project will require a lot of work and volunteers will be needed.

The Historical Society would like to know what the public thinks about a project of this size for Spencer County. Please write to the Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library or call Sharon Patmore, 362-7268, or Rebecca Middleton, 362-8573.

A few Goodspeed histories and atlas are still available for sale. The society will be meeting with the county commissioners and the cemetery board Thursday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the courthouse concerning the condition of county cemeteries.

The next meeting will be postponed to March 11, due to the basketball sectional tourney.

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Richland City

Lake is the name of the post office at Richland City but the town is more generally known by the latter name. Richland City was founded by Henry McKenney and Jacob Carter in 1861. The land chosen for the townsite was very rich and productive and for this reason the promoters chose the name Richland Citv.

(Taken from *Evansville Courier* April 3, 1916.)

Death

Mrs. Tillie Lynam

On Tuesday afternoon, April 26, Mrs. Tillie Lynam passed away at her country home, 3 miles east of Chrisney, following a lingering illness. She had spent the past two years at the home of her three sisters in Evansville, who tenderly cared for her, however she had returned home only a few days ago to visit her husband, her son and his family.

Mrs. Lynam was born Sept. 21, 1880, the daughter of Sophia Yetter, and Balthas Yetter, a merchant of Newtonville. Upon her marriage to Benjamin Frank Lynam on May 28, 1911 two sons were born. Lawrence, who preceded his mother in death Nov. 27, 1930, and Raymond, who resides with his family on a farm near Newtonville.

She united with the Newtonville Methodist Church at an early age and lived a devoted Christian life. She was a wonderful homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother, always interested in the welfare and happiness of her loved ones, friends and neighbors, and in return she was loved and highly respected by those who will miss her genial smile and kind words.

Surviving to cherish Mrs. Lynam in fond memories are her husband, Frank; a son, Raymond, daughter-in-law, Mary; grandsons, George and Sammy Lynam; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Sommers and Misses Mae and Florence Yetter, Evansville, and two brothers, Lawrence and Chris Yetter, Bakersfield, Calif.; other relatives and many devoted friends and neighbors.

To Him alone can we look for comfort and strength to bear our loss.

Funeral services were held at Youngblood Funeral Home Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. Harold Claycamp, pastor of the Grandview Methodist Church. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery in Chrisney.

(Taken from Rockport paper May 10, 1960.)

Real Estate Transfers

Felix J. Seiffert to Louis H. Rothert, e½se 14 5 6 sw sw 13 5 6.

John Laake to Louis F. Laake, 3½se 6 4 4.

Rosetta York to Josephine Woodward, lots 11 12 C7th, Chrisney.

Benoni Ryker to Rachel Simpson, lot 23 O P, Lamar.

(Taken from Rockport paper, Oct. 12, 1917.)

Will probated

The will of Nancy Crawford of Gentryville was admitted to probate in the county clerk's office last Saturday. She gives to her daughter, Josephine Patmore $100, also one feather bed and two pillows, the family record, pictures of her daughter Addie and a center table. She gives to her son Abraham L. Crawford $100 also her little bureau, the pictures of her husband, and her son, Jacob, one center table, one feather bed and two pillows, her bedstead and her dining table. She gives to her granddaughter Nannie Patmore, the picture of her residence in the town of Gentryville and her Christian Herald library box and its contents. After paying the above named receivers of $100 to her son and $100 to her daughter from the proceeds of her residence the remainder together with all her personal property which is not mentioned in the will be given to her three children, Amy E. Meece, Josephine Patmore, and Abraham L. Crawford. Abraham is named as executor of the will.

(Taken from *Rockport Democrat*, June 27, 1902.)

Queries

Needed: Parents of James Bellville, 1904-1918, buried at Fairview Cemetery, Grandview, Ind.

Evans—1870 census, Luce Twp., Presley Evans, 52 yrs., living with Sylvester Evans, son. Not found in 1880 or after. Can anyone help? Death and burial wanted.

Please send your family records for our files to: Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN 47635.

Query by letter: Wish to hear from descendants of Peter Liam Murphy and Drusilla Dolph, living in Spencer County in 1850 census. Known children—Wm. D., Jacob, Allen, Taylor, Lahu, Arfamous, Thomas, John, George and Malissa.

Also wish to hear from descendants of James A. Brown and wife, Sarah. In 1850 census Sarah, a widow, was living in Spencer County. In her household was John Masterson, 95, Aaron Masterson, 54, and children, Eunice, John A., Sarah, Louisa J. and James D. Reply to Betty Murphy Mabee, 4545 Yerba Santa Drive, San Diegeo, Calif., 92155.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

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Death by Lightning

Our village was thrown into intense excitement about 8 o'clock Saturday morning by the circulated report that Ben Turner had been struck by lightning and instantly killed. The circumstances surrounding the affair are these:

Ben was a proud and happy boy Saturday morning as he started from home driving his own team, given to him by his father the night before, for a load of corn from the Wandel farm above town. His father and little brother went with him and as it began to rain they covered as best they could with an old blanket, Ben and Charlie on the seat and their father standing behind them. Shortly after crossing Little Sandy Bridge came the flash of lightning that did the deadly work. All three were quite close together and the wonder is that all were not killed, but the bolt struck Ben on the back of the skull a little to the right and passing down evidently went along the wet lines as both horses were knocked down and Charlie was thrown upon them. Mr. Turner got out to see if the horses were dead and in the meantime Charlie revived and passed around to the right side of the wagon and found his brother lying in the road dead. The horses revived and got upon their feet in a short time and assistance arrived and all returned home. Mr. Turner and Charlie feel no ill effects from the shock.

Benj. F. Turner, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Turner, was born April 3, 1888, and was just arriving at the age of large usefulness and was planning to do large things for the family, realizing that they needed his help. He was honest and industrious and was purposing to do the harder work for his father.

The funeral was held at the family residence Monday afternoon conducted by Rev. F.G. Ellis, of Lewisport, and all that was mortal was tenderly laid away in the Grandview Cemetery, witnessed by a large circle of relatives and friends. The floral expressions of sympathy were very beautiful and many in number.

His parents, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the entire community.

[*Taken from Grandview Monitor, 1905*]

Grandview Cemetery

Turner, Benj. F. 1888-1905
Turner, Chas P. 1853-1925 Father
Turner, Ann M. 1857-1934 Mother

Soldier Boys

The first contingent, or 5 per cent of Spencer County's quoto or 148 men for the new national army, were honored by the business men of Rockport Monday night at Krueger's Cafe where an attractive spread was served them and other guests. The menu was excellent and the assemblage was entertained with patriotic speeches by L.N. Savage, Mayor James Rimstidt, J.G. Baum, August Hoch and others. All of the contingent, Bobt Woods, Orville Martin, Chris Hale, Tom Bunner, Walter Ray, and Gus Powers and Bernard Alexander, extras, of Rockport, and Ottis L. Bunner, John Stevenson and Wm. E. Shrodes of Grandview, were present. Of these men four, Robt Woods, Walter Ray, John Stevenson and Otto Bunner have served in the regular army. The boys were sent to Camp Taylor at Louisville in two contingents. Orville Martin, Wm. Shrodes and Otto Bunner in charge of Walter Ray left Wednesday morning. Chris Hale, John Stevenson and Tom Bunner, in charge of Robert Woods, left this Friday morning.

The next call is set for September 19th, when 40 per cent will be called to the colors. Another 40 per cent will be called, October 3, and the remaining 15 per cent at a date yet to be fixed.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat September 1917*]

Death

Death of Strowdie Stepro, 8-year-old son of Ed Stepro, occurred at the home of the latter in Luce Township Saturday. His death was caused by spinal meningitus. The funeral will take place at the Bakers Creek Church.

[*Taken from Evansville Courier April 3, 1916*]

Sargent Cemetery

Hammond Twp. Six unmarked graves with recent flowers. Please send names and dates for our new cemetery book.

Montgomery

I am interested in correspondence with anyone on Mitchell L. Montgomery. Children—Rebecca b.1828, James b.1831, and Sarah b.1833. (June Felton, 6620 S. Meridian, Marion, IN 46953).

Pence

Information on Pence, esp. parents of Catherine Pence b.1851 OH d1929 Spencer Co. m Thomas Simpson 1868 (Jane Ohlmacher, P.O. Box 116, West Friendship, MD 21794).

Wanted: Soldiers list from every cemetery in Spencer County. Send to Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN 47611.

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Marriages

Henry W. Ralph, 38, farmer to Ethel Ridenhorr, 22, Ky.

William Moesner, 29, farmer, Chrisney, to Lizzie Fletcher, 21, Newtonville.

Leo Wagner, 25, farmer, Ferdinand, to Philomia M. Mehling, 20, St. Meinrad.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1909.*]

Death

A. Wayne Hevron, age 72 years,

A. Wayne Hevron, age 72 years, died Thursday morning at 3:30 o'clock after a few days of the "flu" at his home near Lincoln City. The funeral will be held Friday at 2 o'clock p.m. at the home and the burial will be in Old Pigeon Cemetery.

Mr. Hevron is survived by his wife, who is now quite ill, one daughter Miss Bertha at home, and three sons, Claude and Wayne of Lincoln City and James who is also at home; also one sister, Mrs. W.T. Chinn of Rockport and two brothers, J.B. (Mac) Hevron of Elwood, Ind. and Atlas Hevron of Evansville.

Mr. Hevron was one of the best men in Spencer County.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 24, 1922.*]

Wedding

A number of friends of Howard Murray and Miss Nina Trinkle went to the Trinkle home, north of Centerville, Monday night to extend congratulations and give them a shower of gifts and are telling they were married Saturday. Both are popular young school teachers and have many friends to wish them much joy. They have gone to housekeeping in the Burgdorf property on Walnut Street.

[*November 9, 1929, paper unknown.*]

Will Probated

The last weill and testament of Fred Butler was filed for probate Tuesday, Jan. 29. It was signed Sept. 26, 1928, and witnessed by George S. Thurman and W.H. Brown. It provides that his son, George, and his daughter, Mary, each receive $1,000. All his real estate and personal property is be held by his wife during her life. Should she re-marry then she is to have her one-third to be held by her during her natural life.

All his real estate and personal property is willed to his children—Bertha Bank, Leslie Butler, Everett Butler, Ada Ayer, William Butler, Ruth Stuteville, Helen Raaf, Alice Foertsch, Mary Butler and George Butler, subject however to the life estate of his wife.

The will also provides that when the real estate is divided that his son, William, have set off to him the portion where he now lives.

William Butler is named as executor of the will.

Rockport

This city derived its name from the hanging rock, known to boatmen of early days as the "Lady Washington Rock." The hanging rock tumbled into the Ohio River many years ago. The land upon which the greater portion of Rockport is located, Section 26, was originally purchased from the government by Daniel Grass, May 9, 1807. Above this tract on Section 23 the land was entered in August 1817 by L.B. Wright and W.R. Griffith. In September of the same year Griffith and Moseley entered a tract of land on Section 22. These men owned the land at the time the county seat was located at Rockport. Daniel Grass had previously transferred a portion of his land to W.R. Hynes of Bardstown, Ky.

In locating the county seat the commissioners of Spencer County secured one-half of every alternate lot of one hundred acres donated by W.R. Hynes, one hundred acres by Wright & Griffith, besides one thousand cash from Hynes and three hundred cash from Wright & Griffith. Daniel Grass was the county agent and the commissioners directed him to lay out a portion of the Hynes donation into lots. A public sale of the lots was held January 10, 1818. The sale was advertised in Louisville, Owensboro and Corydon newspapers. A.W. Dorsey was the crier for the sale. The proceeds from the sale amounted to five thousand dollars. A second, third and fourth sale increased the proceeds twenty-six hundred dollars. Private sales in the meantime increased the original sale proceeds to nine thousand two hundred and fifty-five dollars. A considerable portion of the land still belongs to the county but was afterwards disposed of by private sales. No house was built on the present site of Rockport prior to the location of the county seat.

[*Taken from Evansville Courier, April 3, 1916.*]

Cemetery

Sharp Cemetery is in Ohio Twp. Section 3.

Bellville, Laura V. d. 29, April 1863, 9m22d, d/o M.L. and A.M.

Sargent, Harriett P. d/o L.M. and E.

Sharp, Mary A. 1796, 9, Feb. 1854, w/o Mattais

Only stones found—probably more.

Queries

Burial place of Benjamin Lamar b 1760, d after 1850. Also Jean Lamar.

Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN 47635.

Kirk—Thomas Kirk, b 1820 OH d. Spencer County, buried Little Pigeon Prim. Last heard 1879 as heirs of T. Kirk, Clay Twp. Wife—Eliza Fulton, b 10, Aug. 1822 OH, d. 16, June 1904, Newtonville. Who were her parents? Any brothers and sisters? Would like to correspond with Dawson, Burkharts, Hammonds, Yanneys, Parkers, Crawfords, Kincaids.

Mary Jo Kirk Holden, Box 154, Brookston, IN 47923.

Please send your queries to: Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN 47611. Do not send to newspaper offices.

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20 MARCH 1986

Old clippings recount death of county farmer

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Obituary

Thomas Cullen Souder, 78, better known to everyone in this vicinity as Cullen Souder, died at 1 a.m. Wednesday at his home on SR 245 in Huff Township, Spencer County. He had been ill since November 1951 when he was stricken with a heart ailment. Other complications set in as time progressed and he was more seriously ill the last ten days of his life.

Cullen Souder was a prominent farmer of eastern Spencer County. He served the county one term as assessor and in his younger days he taught school along with his farming. He attended township schools of Spencer County. Mr. Souder was a successful farmer, he did general farming but it might be said he specialized in hog raising because it wasn't unusual to see some 200 head on his place in addition to lots of cattle. He was a good citizen of his community, honest, thrifty and a hard worker.

The deceased was born in Huff Township one-half mile from where he died, it was on the same farm, in fact his entire life was spent on that farm. He was born April 11, 1874, the son of Alexander and Sarah Wheatley Souder and would have been 79 years old if he had lived until this Saturday.

He was married to Miss Eva Katie Link October 23, 1906. Three sons and one daughter were born to them.

Surviving are the wife; one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Bolton, Tell City; three sons, Elmer and Alvin at home and Ralph Souder lives on a farm nearby; and five grandchildren. Mr. Souder was one of three children, but his brother and sister, who were his juniors, both died when they were young.

A member of First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Tell City, Mr. Souder led a righteous life. He followed closely the teachings of his chosen religion in his daily living habits and his attitudes toward his fellowman.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the home and at 2 at New Hope Baptist Church near Newtonville. The Rev. H.G. Lippert, pastor of the First E. & R. Church of Tell City, officiated. Burial was in New Hope Church Cemetery.

An aerial visit

Lieut. Wm. G. Glackman came up from Evansville last Sunday morning in his aeroplane and gave the people of his home town a fine exhibition of fancy flying. He arrived about 9:30 o'clock and remained about two hours, going from here to Mt. Carmel, Ill., arriving there in time for his noon lunch. He telephoned his folks here upon his arrival there.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Glackman of this city.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 4, 1918.]

News

Ditney Knob-Louis Lang and family, Tom Pastor and Saddie Patmore visited Andy Bridges and wife Sunday.

Charlie Painter and Kramer Egnew left last Thursday for Lincoln, Ill., to shuck corn.

Meeks Church: Ed Parker and wife, William Covey and wife, Orval Carter and wife and Fred Parker, wife and baby and Franklin and Lorena Haaff visited Leroy Parker and family Sunday.

Charles Sibrel and family and Ola Sibrel spent Sunday with Clarence Jones.

[Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 1, 1917.

Pecan tree tales

A pecan tree in this township bore thirty dollars worth of nuts this year. Other trees near it were barren.

Otto Himmelheber died early last Thursday morning in Evansville, from the effects of a fall from a pecan tree the previous Sunday. He stated that he would not have been hurt had he observed the Sabbath properly. Go to Sunday School next Sunday.

[Taken from The Monitor, Nov. 1, 1917.]

Richland

J.H. Ensor, Walter Hayford, Lyman McCoy and Ora Wilson are at Lafayette this week attending the special farmers course at Purdue University Agricultural Station. The season is only one week but the instruction given is very valuable.

Hatfield

S.L. Logsdon is doing a thriving business in buying furs.

Lincoln City

Mrs. Bert Romaine and children of Montana are visiting Wayne Hevron's family this week.

[Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1909.]

Queries

Help the society in locating and/or send information on the following cemeteries:

Garrison Cemetery, Jackson Township.

Woods Cemetery, Carter Township.

Landsberry and William Berry,

Ohio Township.

Milton Cemetery, Rockport area.

Forrest and Clearview, Chrisney area.

Kesslar Graveyard, near Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Neighbor Cemetery, Luce Township.

Mildred Kincaid Burdge, 9236 Shady Dale, St. Louis, Mo., 63136, wishes to hear from anyone interested in the following: McKenney, Kincaid, Hildebrand, McCoy, Shoptaugh, Lanham and Kepner.

Shirley Fuller, 18335 Taloga Lane, Apple Valley, Calif. 92307, interested in corresponding with Marts and Shaul families of Spencer and possibly Perry County.

Send cemetery information to Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN 47611.

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County's first steam engine bought in 1917

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Steam Auto

Joe Craig has brought the first steam auto to Spencer County. It rides like a phaeton, handles easier than a Ford and will climb any hill as slow as one mile an hour if desired. The steam generating and driving system is apparently foolproof. It is a decided novelty in this county and was delivered in Grandview Saturday.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Nov. 1, 1917.*]

1870 Federal Census

Pierson, James, 34m farmer, 3000-5000 Oh; Lucinda, 30f. Tenn.; Amanda, 11f, Ind.; Julia, 11f, Ind.; Louisa, 9f, Ind.; Emma, 6f, Ind.

Clay Twp. Added infor. Lucinda d. 23, Aug. 1872, bur. Little Pigeon Cem., Julia & Emma bur. Little Pigeon.

Death

Sarah J. Patmore, Spring Station, Mrs. Patmore w/o Andrew died on 29, April 1874.

[*Taken from Rockport Republican, May 6, 1874.*]

Marriage License

Henry W. Ralph, 38, farmer, to Ethel Ridenhorr, 22, Ky.

William Moesner, 29, farmer, Chrisney, to Lizzie Fletcher, 21, Newtonville.

Leo Wagner, 25, farmer, Ferdinand, to Philomina M. Mehling, 20, St. Meinrad.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1909.*]

Set his last net

While we were busy setting the last type and closing the forms for the issue of last week, we learned that Lum Wood was sick, but the seriousness of the illness was not mistrusted until later. The symptoms were similar to those having polio myelitis and Thursday he passed into unconsciousness from which he did not arouse and death came about 9 o'clock Saturday night.

Christopher Columbus Wood was born at Charleston Landing, a few miles above Jeffersonville, March 5, 1848, and came to this township with his father when a young man. In the year 1873, he married Eliza Titus and to this union were born two boys, John E. and Ernest. In 1886 his wife died and in 1887, he married Elizabeth Lytton and to them were born two daughters, Mrs. Mamie Finch and Mrs. Anna Forsythe.

He was widely known as a fisherman and was always about the river at all seasons of the year. He has probably made more money from the river and worked harder to do so than any other man in Grandview. The house in which he died was made from timber caught in the river and the furnishings and trimmings were paid for from the sales of pig iron which he raised from a sunken barge. When the river was high he reaped a harvest and when it was low he hunted for the things which would not float.

He was a man of strong will and always stood for the right as he saw it; was an adept at telling humorous stories and was always ready to tell the best over someone else.

He became a member of the Baptist Church in 1906.

He was buried in the Grandview Cemetery Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being held at the grave as his wife was seriously ill with the same malady. Here many friends gathered to pay the last tribute of respect. His age was 64 years and 11 days. He was the last one of his family to die.

[*Taken from The Monitor, March 21, 1912.*]

Biography

Noah Gordon settled south of Old Pigeon Church about the year 1817. The church was built on his ground. Uncle John Romaine said Gordon took an active part in building Old Pigeon Church. He was a great hand in woodcraft and hewed the logs for the church. He also built the first horse-mill in the community. Later on he sold his possessions to John Romaine, moved away to some point where he passed from the memory of the people of this community.

[*By D. Pennington for Rockport Journal, June 3, 1916.*]

School Notes

February 1910:

The following pupils have been neither absent nor tardy for the past month. High School: Iva Bender, Myrtle Bender, Harry Beasley, George Raider, Arnold Cissna, Raymond Bays, Thomas Dugas, Waldo Becker, Willie Craft, Irene McDaniel, Theresia Forler, Ruth Schumacher and Chris Kramer.

Eighth Grade: Russell Billart, Ina Shrode, Leah Schriefer, Herbert Broshears, Fred Patmore and Sidwell Masterson.

Sixth and Seventh Grades: Carrie Toole, Harvey Bays, Herbert Kinney, Joseph Shrode, Martha Raider, Blanche Unger, Lucy Johnson, Gilbert Schriefer, Frank Patmore.

Fourth and Fifth Grades: Floyd Purcell, Esther Richey, Oscar Schumacher, Raleigh Barker, Johnnie Johnson, Mabel Hall, Iva Taylor, Chester Shimer, Harry Bash, Leslie Patmore, Elbert Sibrel, Louis Taurman and Donald Thrasher.

Second and Third Grades: Harold Smith, Bernard Ray, Arthur Tuley, Edith, Barr, Oatley Conley, Mary Johnson, Lillian Cranall, Johnnie Johnson, Nina VanWinkle, Cleda Sibrel, Isaac Kramer, Ivor Taylor and Emmett Schriefer.

Primary Grade: Margaret Thrasher, Elonzo Cutler Jr., Gladys Bays, Bayard Tuley, Robin Kinney, Leroy Doyle, Chester Purcell, Geneva Taylor, Ora Patmore, Mabel Toole, Ralph Eskridge, Ora Toole, Curtis Tuley.

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Teachers

The Gentryville Teachers in 1917: Mrs. Anna Davidson, Effie Bullock, Fanny Harris, O.L. Perry, A.A. Maxam, Miss White, Keestle Small, Mrs. Rose F. Shrode.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1917.*]

Eliza Ann Hevron

Mrs. Eliza Ann Hevron, daughter of John and Hannah Gentry Romaine was born Dec. 19, 1847, on a farm one mile south of Lincoln City and died at this same place on Jan. 23, 1941, age 93 years, one month, and four days.

She was a member of an old pioneer family that contributed much towards the early history of our county.

She attended school near her home at the building which stood at the south side of the Lincoln Park Lake and at Rockport.

On Dec. 24, 1874, she was united in marriage to Wayne Hevron. Of this union was born four children. Her husband and one son, Allen Wayne, preceded her in death. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Bertha Spurlock, two sons, Claude Hevron of Evansville and James of Lincoln City, nieces and nephews, children of her brother, the late, James Romaine in the west, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and one cousin, Mrs. Louise Gentry Enlow, the only remaining member of this old family.

For over 93 years she has lived in this same place and has kept up her contact with her community and showed a constant interest in its doings and development at all times.

She accepted her fate with a smile, and through all her suffering, welcomed her friends with a smile and that same warm handclasp.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 7, 1941.*]

Looking Backwards [20 years ago]

Ira Tower's barn near Hatfield was burned. It was set on fire by a cat that some children had saturated with coal oil and set on fire.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1917.*]

Near Tragedy

We learn that a son of William Jones who lives near Gentryville in this county accidently shot himself in the foot on last Monday morning by letting a shotgun fall from his hands to the ground, the gun being loaded. The fall of the gun exploded the cap and the consequence was that the whole load was lodged in the young man's foot, between the heel bone and the ankle bone, causing the most excruciating pains imaginable.

Drs. DeBruler and Crooks were called who went immediately to the assistance of the sufferer. Chloroform was administered and nine shots were extracted from the young man's foot and the wound dressed. This should be a sad warning to boys who are constantly trifling away their time with old shotguns.

[*Taken from The Planter, May 16, 1857.*]

Flood News

A crest stage was reported at Evansville Sunday, the 31st, of 53.75 feet and this about five feet above the 1884 and 1913 crest stages.

The editor and family left by auto Friday morning and drove through plenty of water but reaching relatives in Chrisney in due time; the flood waters being on the floor of his home by noon. Since then the waters have risen at least six feet.

An effort was made to put the valuable things as high as possible but did not bring proof of the subscription list and some of our readers will not receive this flood edition until the list is found. C.T. Baker.

Some autos are receiving a mud bath.

Dale has 105 of the Evansville refugees.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 4, 1937.*]

Marriages

Wm. M. Marshall to Carrie Rice, Joseph Daniel to Addie Myers, John Stillwell to Louisa Griffin, Omar Kennedy to Minerva Hughes.

[*Sept. 25, 1896, Source unknown.*]

Newtonville items

Mrs. Esther Powell, widow of Ezekial Powell, died last Thursday. The funeral took place from New Hope Baptist Church Friday at 2 p.m., the Rev. Stephens conducting the services.

[*Rockport paper, Aug. 3, 1889.*]

Queries

Dan Kemp, 3014 West First, Davenport, Iowa, 52804 would like to contact anyone interested in the history of the Kemp family which has lived in Dubois County since the 1820s. The majority of these Kemps are descended from two brothers named Henry and William. He has a good amount of research he will share and a few very old photographs and he is interested in any new information or old photographs he can find.

Conrad Varner came to Spencer County 182506, left for Harrison County, Ky., about 1935 and died 1840. Was Mary Adams w/o Conrad? Please send information to Society to be forwarded to California woman.

Jane P. Weideman, 518 East Main St., Newburgh, IN 47630, looking for the descendants of Louise D. Atchison w/o Dr. Kenneth Atchison. She would like to correspond with them concerning Henry Pendleton-Revolutionary War soldier.

Mr. Curtis Kinney, 8915 Baumgart Road, Evansville, IN, 47711, is interested in the following: Hasenmeyer, Hancock, Sargent and Chancellor.

Bernice Maglinger, 2610 E. Cloverdale Dr., Owensboro, Ky., 42301, Katie Rowland m. Martin Maglinger, died 1873-80. Where? Any information on this family in either Spencer or Perry counties, Indiana.

Mrs. James E. Shook, 2423 Bridgeview Drive, Tacoma, Wash., 98406, needs information on Daniel and Laura (Lorita-Loretta) Burdick from New York to Ohio Township, Spencer County, Indiana 1860 Census--David, 73, Loretta, 66, Death Dates? Had 11 children, including Mr. Shook's great-grandfather, William Burdick. Will trade information.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Historical society purchases copier

The Spencer County Historical Society held its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 1, with several members present.

Plans were made for another free genealogical workshop to be held Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the society's room. Anyone who is interested in learning how to trace their family's history should come. Help will be available all day.

The society has just purchased a new Mita copier, and can now copy records which are on loan. Donations are being accepted and are tax deductible.

The society still has a few copies of the three-county history and Atlas for sale. The history is $40 and the atlas is $20.

The next society meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Rockport library.

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Obituary

Mrs. Naomi Baden Jeffery died Sunday morning, Jan. 5, 1909, aged 78 years. Her husband preceded her to a better land about 16 years ago.

Naomi Baden was born in Broention, England, and was married to Johnie Jeffrey in that country. Soon after marriage they came to this country and settled near the Highland Church where they resided until death.

To them seven children were born, Robert, William, Johnie, Clinton, Wesley, Lawrence and Mrs. Joe (Sarah) Richard. Three of the sons are doing ministerial work while two are diligently working for and helping take care of the home church and the daughter is filling a Christian woman's place each day of her life.

Grandma Jeffery, as she was known to the neighbors, selected for her funeral text just a part of a sentence which reads as follows: "She has done what she could," and no truer words were ever spoken and as you look at the good sons and daughter she raised, each was ready to say "She has done her work well." She requested them to sing "Rock of Ages" and "Beautiful White City That is Soon Coming Down" for she would be overjoyed when the family would sing these songs.

The last six months of her life she spent with her son, William, and family where every want was attended to with willing hands and loving hearts, and each tried to throw sunshine all around her and make her last days ones of joy and peace and Grandma knew and appreciated this pains-taking for her comfort, for when she was free from pain she would say to her son or someone of the family, "If I could feel as I now do I would like to stay a long time with you," but when sickness and pain would come she would say, "I am anxious to go to my home in heaven." So all through her life and by her daily walk she taught everyone that came in contact with her that it was sweet to do her Saviour's bidding. One time while suffering she repeated so all in the house could distinctly understand," the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," etc.

So a beautiful life in our community has gone on to receive its reward and it leaves the house, neighborhood and church poorer by its going for who can fill the place of the departed will be asked in the home and answered, "Mother's place never can be filled" and in the church and neighborhood they will say, "Watch and pray that we may be worthy of sitting in the seat of the righteous."

Marriage

Miss Euphonia Persimmon was married at the church last Sunday night. The bride is the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Persimmon, the first one Mrs. Persimmon has succeeded in getting off of hands. Not being an expert on woman's dress your scribe is not able to go into details along that line. However she was neatly dressed, partly.

P.S. We almost forgot to say that the groom at the wedding of Miss Persimmon was Jack Hardshell, head loafer at the corner grocery.

Taken from Dale Reporter, Dec. 28, 1917.]

Real Estate Transfers

Carrie Steineker to Andrew Borglin, NE 545, $1.

Henry E. Tullis to Lucy Tullis, NE NW, 18-7-6, $1.

Mary E. Oskins etal to Maude C. McCoy, E½ SE, 16-5-6, $1.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 14, 1934.*]

Death

On the 4th day of November, 1857, of the typhoid fever at her residence in Clay Township, Martha Jane, daughter of John S. and Elizabeth Lamar, aged 18 years. Her occupation was school teaching. She was taken ill in the school room from which she was carried home and in five short weeks she departed this life.

[*Taken from The Planter, Nov. 1857.*]

Farm Bureau

Karl L. Kramer is the new president of the Spencer County Farm Bureau.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 4, 1937.*]

Queries

Kitchen family, John d. 1850-60, Jackson Township. Buried? His daughter America m. George W. Harper and removed to Warrick County, Pigeon Township in 1860. Nancy Kitchen w/o John died there. Any information will be appreciated. Send care of Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport, IN, 47635.

Nicholas Pennington buried at Union Chapel Cemetery, Hammond Township, died ca. Send to Julie Pennington, R.R., Lamar, IN.

Rebecca Middleton, Route 1, Box 178, Grandview, IN, 47615. Ph. 362-8573.

Looking for any information on death and burial of Agness (McGladrie) Middleton. B. Scotland died Jan. 30, 1875.

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A golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Bellville celebrated their golden wedding at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Aaron Ayer Jr. last Sunday. Their children and grandchildren that live near were the only ones present, as the house would have been too small to contain one-half of their most intimate friends. Nevertheless the day was spent pleasantly talking of their past lives, their joys and sorrows, the blessings that had been bestowed upon them and their family; but sunshine always has some clouds and so the absence of their sons, Ed, wife and daughter Ruth, Frank and wife, yet they were not forgotten but their names were often called during the day. Uncle Dan and Aunt Ruth are natives of Ohio. They moved to Spencer County while yet young in life and are at present citizens of the city of Half Way. Both are Methodists and have been great help in the church. Mr. Bellville has been a life-long Republican and always ready to fight for the temperance cause. COR.

[*Taken from Grandview Monitor, March 12, 1903.*]

Gorman-Hall

Evelyn Thurman Gorman and Ora Hall were married at the Newtonville M.E. parsonage Tuesday evening. After the ceremony they went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Hall, where a sumptuous supper was served. Mrs. Myrtle Esterline, of Evansville, a sister of the groom was also present. They will make their home with the parents of the groom this winter. A number of their friends plan to call on them tonight to extend congratulations.

[*Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 12, 1929.*]

Queries

R. Steven Montgomery, Route 14, Box 386, Salisbury, N.C. 28144 would like to correspond and share with other descendants of the following surnames: Allensworth, Chinn, Haaff, Hesson, Maas, Rasor and especially the next four, namely: Hackworth, Martin (Amos and Samuel), Simpson, Ward.

Cemetery Help

Identify the following burials:

Two large bricks at Hackleman and also concrete markers without writing.

Other known burials at little cemetery in woods northeast of Fairview. We found Botts, Clevenger and Elizabeth Jones.

Any unmarked graves, send name and dates so they be included in our cemetery readings to: Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN 47611

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Buffaloville News

A lady named Krause living near the Carter Township line died since our last report. She was 88 years of age and leaves a number of friends and relatives.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, May 6, 1897.*]

Death

Mrs. Elizabeth Lytton Wood, wife of C.C. Wood, who was so seriously ill Sunday that no funeral services for her husband were held at the home, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 56 years and 12 days, her illness lacking four hours of being the same duration as her husband's. The symptoms in both cases were quite similar.

She spent her early life near Cross Roads; was married to C.C. Wood, 26, November 1887, and has since lived in the house in which she died.

She has been a member of the Methodist Church for many years.

Besides the two daughters, she has two brothers, James and Will Lytton, and a sister, Mrs. Louis Jones, living near Chrisney.

The funeral services were held at the grave Wednesday afternoon conducted by the Rev. J.D. Hudson.

[*Source unknown, March 28, 1912.*]

Zella Bus Line

Rates effective Jan. 22, 1934:

Rockport to Friendship or Gentryville, 55 cents; to Chrisney, 30 cents; Chrisney to Friendship, 25 cents.

Round trips

Rockport to Friendship, $1; Rockport to Chrisney, 50 cents; leave Rockport at 8:20 a.m., return 4:20 p.m.; leave Gentryville at 7 a.m. and 12:20 p.m.

[*Chrisney Sun, Sept. 14, 1934.*]

Lincoln City

Will Reynolds, aged 51 years, died Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Springston. He leaves to mourn his departure one brother, his mother and step-father and many relatives and friends.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1917.*]

Mrs. Anna Butler

We know not the day nor the hour when the grim messenger cometh.

Thus it was in the passing of Anna Belle Simpson Butler on June 14, 1944, at 7:15 a.m.

She was born Dec. 8, 1867, and her early life was spent in the Shiloh community. She was married to Fred Butler Dec. 1, 1889, who with three daughters, Mary, Ada and Bertha, have gone to their heavenly home.

Mrs. Butler was a kind and affectionate mother, greatly interested in the welfare of her children.

She was also a member of the New Bethel Church; worked faithfully in church affairs, giving funds for the maintenance of the same. She always gave a helping hand to friends and neighbors when needed. Those who mourn her passing are: Leslie and George Butler of Cincinnati, Everett Butler of Indianapolis, William Butler of Rockport, Ruth Stuteville of Rockport, Helen Raaf of Grandview, Alice Foertsch of Tell City; 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, two brothers, Obe Simpson of Kenney, Ill., and J.W. Simpson of Louisville, Ky. These relatives, and friends, must bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well, and the thought that:

"While our thoughts are lost in wonder, every breeze that freights the air; Whispers in its mildest accents, We shall meet our loved one there. Meet beyond the mystic river, Meet on yonder purple heights, Where the days with joy are laden and where comes no shade of night."

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Will

The last will and testament of Thomas W. Oldham was probated Tuesday in Spencer Circuit Court. It was dated July 9, 1908, with Uriah McCoy and Benjamin F. Huffman witnesses. The widow, Della M. Oldham, is appointed executrix.

All personal property is willed to her, the home in El Paso in fee simple, and a life estate in 200 acres of the farm in Luce Township. To testator's father, Daniel M. Oldham, and sister, Mary T. Huffman, is given, share and share alike, during their natural life, 40 acres of the farm in Luce Township, provided that the father and sister shall make their home on the lands devised to them, and upon their failure to do so the said land shall revert the same as if the said devisees were dead.

On their death the said land shall descend to the wife during her natural life, should she survive the said devisees. To the children the remainder in fee simple to all real estate is given.

Soldier returned

The remains of Frank Krause, son of Gottlieb Krause were expressed home from New York Wednesday and the funeral will take place at 10:00 today followed by burial in Richardson Cemetery. Krause was a member of Co. C. 11th U.S. Infantry and died of dysentary in the Philippines two years ago.

Born 22. Jan. 1881, died 6, Sept. 1901.

[Taken from Rockport paper, Sept 18, 1903. Obituary in Sept. 25, 1903 edition.]

Boy Scouts

Chrisney is the third community in Spencer County to have a Boy Scout troop ready for registration. Hugh Thrasher is Scoutmaster and Leroy Reitz, assistant. The troop committee consists of James R. Mayfield, Bernard Hartz, L.C. Doyle and W.H. Thrasher. Nine boys are registered.

[Taken from The Monitor, July 1, 1937.]

Obituary

Miss Octavia Barbero was found dead in bed at her home in Luce Township last Saturday morning. She had been in poor health for some time but her death came as a shock to her relatives and friends.

Miss Barbero was the daughter of Joseph and Anna Barbero and was born in Hammond Township Jan. 18, 1862, and at the time of her death was 67 years and 4 months of age. She was one of a large family of children, all of whom except two preceding her in death. Those living are Mrs. Calvin Heckel and Eugene Barbero, both of Luce Township. She also leaves a niece and a nephew.

Her entire life was spent in this county, forty one years of which were spent in the school room and it can be truthfully said that she was one of the outstanding teachers of Spencer County. She was earnest, sincere, and a hard worker in the school room. She loved her work and put her whole life into it. She loved her pupils, could see good in all of them. She had a sympathetic heart and often her own means were used to supply a poor child with a book or with clothing.

Her influence was always on the side of right and no one will ever know the number of children that her teachings led into better modes of living. Many are the pupils who will rise up to call her blessed. She was a true Christian, having been a member of the United Brethren Church from childhood.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J H. Toombs at Mt. Zion at 2 p.m. Sunday. The burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

[Source unknown. Death May 1 1929.]

Marriage License

John T. Porter to Mary J Strassell.

Walter Jones to Mana Adye.

T.J. Oskins to Nellie Mae Shook.

Andy T. Fetter to Katie Collignon

[Taken from The Democrat, No 5, 1897.]

Death

Barney Frank of near Patronvill died of consumption Wednesday Oct. 27, and was buried at Shiloh o Thursday.

[Taken from The Democrat, Nov 5, 1897.]

Queries

Rebecca Middleton, RR1, Box 178 Grandview, IN 47615, 362-8573, i looking for parents of Jacob (Joe Carter married - to Rosa B Hamelton and looking for th parents of Steven Stepro b. 1854, d March 27, 1927. Married Lydia Curl Manervia Dooley, Luce Township Spencer County, Ind.

If you have a special problem with a family on your tree, send a query to the Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, and we'll run it for you, as space permits. Response to our queries has been very good.

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1860 census turns up farmer, new business

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1860 census

Billings, Jackson 26m farmer, In.; (Meadows) Mary A. 25f, Ky.; Richardson, Alsy 9f, In.; Julia A. 7f, In.

Added information: Meadows, Mary A. born Oct. 1830; Hannah J., Oct. 1830; twins of David Meadows-Hancock Co., Ky.; Mary A. m. Geo Richardson 1848 & Jackson Billings; Hannah J. m. Euthbird Hall & James Parker, Luce Twp. In.

Newtonville Business

New hotel—Adye's Hotel, Mr. Stephen Sutton, Pronrietor, Nov. 10, 1883.

Death

A.J. Rhodes, one of Carter Township's prominent men, merchant for years at Lincoln City, died at his home there last Saturday afternoon after an illness of only four days. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at his home, followed by burial in the Richardson Cemetery near Lincoln City.

Mr. Rhodes was 55 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

He was serving as a member of the Lincoln Park Board and was secretry of the board. He also served as trustee of Carter Township a number of years ago.

Mr. Rhodes was a good citizen.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1922.*]

Sailing Trip

Miss Anna Kriege of this township (Hammond) sailed from New York Saturday to visit portions of Europe. Nine others are in the party making the trip.

[*The Monitor, July 1, 1937.*]

Church News

The annual homecoming of the Meeks Christian Church located east of here will be held Sunday, August 19, at the church. It will be an all day affair, a basket dinner being served at the noon hour.

Speakers will be heard during the afternoon. Everyone invited to come and see old friends and meet new ones.

[*The Monitor, Aug. 17, 1934.*]

Marriage

Samuel Weller and Miss Addie Guth living southeast of Dale were married at the home of the bride's father, Charles Guth, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1907.

Politics

Democrats elect 5 of 9 trustees in S.C.: Luce, George H. Thompson, D; Ohio, Thomas Seay, R; Hammond, Alex J. Sauter Jr., R; Huff, John H. Waninger, D; Harrison, George Becher, D; Carter, Fred B. Bockstahler, R; Jackson, Eli L. Grigsby, D; Grass, Sam Clark, D; Clay, John H. Schnuck, R.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1922.*]

Happy Birthday

On November 7, 1922 Alfred H. Yates, passed his 82nd birthday at his home at 635 Main Street and Greenwood Ave. Mr. Yates is enjoying good health.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1922.*]

Farming Old-Fashioned Method

John Razor, a citizen of our town, who raises small crops on land which he owns about one mile and a half south of here, cut a small crop of rye with a cycle, bound it by hand and separated the grain by beating it with a flail. Mr. Razor used the old fashioned method of flailing rye.

[*Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Sept. 14, 1934.*]

Queries

Harold Powers, 1308 Cedar St., Owensboro, Ky., is seeking the Catholic burial site of Sylvester Power(s) Jr., D. ca1877 and his wife, Nancy Jane Priest, D. before 1870.

Ruth Osborne Steele, 240 Cooley Mill Rd., Havre de Grace, Md. 21078, is searching Osborne and Thurman families of Spencer County. Especially interested in Snyder Osborne's mother. Did Aaron Osborne serve in the War of 1812? When did he come to Spencer County? She has a good photo of Snyder Osborne which she will copy.

The Spencer County Historical Society needs soldiers buried in Spencer County after 1970 in the following cemeteries: Hatfield, Sunset Hill, Santa Claus Campground, Mary Help of Christians, Grandview.

It is essential that we receive these soon as time has run out for us to complete reading these before Memorial Day. We hope to publish a list of Veterans buried in Spencer County.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Abandoned cemetery cleaned by local scout troo

The Spencer County Historical Society held its regular meeting May 6 with nine present.

The membership voted to purchase an A-E index for the clerk's office. They have been very helpful to the volunteer workers doing research for others. The index has been missing for years and is needed for research.

The next quarterly will be published for mailing in July. A June 9 workday welcomes all willing workers to help at the library starting at 12:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 199 from Chrisney cleaned Mt. Moriah Cemetery east of Chrisney on County Road 275E and 900N. It was overgrown and had a large tree down so the boys and leaders took a Saturday and worked hard. Many markers were found that had been hidden for years. Other organizations willing to help? Call 362-8256, 362-8573 or 362-7268 and volunteer your time. Speaking of cemeteries, the readers are nearing completion of the cemeteries except about 20 that haven't been located yet. Details of publication later this fall.

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Prominent farmer dies

Albert Byrne, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Byrne, was born in Spencer County, Ind. Dec. 19, 1859; died Aug. 16, 1914, age 54 years, 7 months and 27 days. He was married to Miss Belle Dawson Aug. 13, 1882. To this union was born nine children, five boys and four girls. The boys are Lloyd, Bert, Claude, Willie and Johnie; the girls are Mrs. Nellie Sarver, Mrs. Cory Kennedy, Mrs. Anna Dawson and Cassie Byrne. Brother Byrne was converted at the age of 17 and joined the United Brethren Church at Union Chapel and has ever been a faithful follower of the Christ and a valued member of the church.

He was elected county commissioner in 1900 and has, with the exception of three years, served the county in this relationship continuously. His consideration of any matter, either public or private, that called forth his individual action, was such that he was always willing for and open to investigation. No one was ever turned away from his door hungry or cold and indeed he always sought opportunities to help relieve the wants of the needy.

He leaves a wife, nine children, one brother, besides many relatives and a host of friends to mourn.

The funeral services were held at New Hope Tuesday at 2 p.m., conducted by the Revs. Settle and Hile. One of the largest crowds that ever was known in this section attended the burial, which was in the church cemetery. Spencer County certainly hates to lose such a public spirited gentleman.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Aug. 20, 1914.*]

Dale items

We are glad to see "Squire" Wood able to be out again.

Married: J.N. Jackson of Washington to H.T. Thurman of this place.

[*Taken from Republic Journal, Jan. 13, 1875.*]

Wedding

Garland E. Chrisney of Chrisney and Mrs. Lillian Walker of Gentryville were united in marriage at the Catholic parsonage in Chrisney last Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The Rev. A.J. pronouncing the ceremony. The bride is an accomplished young woman. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Chrisney of Chrisney. They left soon after for Indianapolis where Mr. Chrisney has a position and where they will reside.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1922.*]

Chrisney News

Joseph M. Fella has engaged in the tie business at this place. He always buys ties at Rockport, Rock Hill, and Bradley.

Mrs. Mary Lynam was visiting her mother, Mrs. William Harter, at Chrisney, Friday.

[*From Chrisney Sun, Aug. 17, 1934, 46 years ago, 1888 news.*]

Dog and Horse Race

A horse belonging to Henry Schriefer, at Centerville, became frightened while hitched to a plow, broke loose and with a dog trying to head him, ran to Gentryville, a distance of 8 miles, in 45 minutes. The dog and the horse made the trip together, and were almost exhausted when they reached Gentryville, but not hurt.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun Souvenir Edition, October 1953.*]

Forty Years Ago

Mrs. Eliza Rasor, aged 78 years, died.

Paul Bernard, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Oldham, died.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marsh, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 26, 1941.*]

Queries

Helena Stahl, 640 Maine St., Lawrence, Ks, 66044, is searching for the time and place of death for John and Mary Gehl, probably between 1871-1885. Also she wants information on Peter and Catharine Gehl.

The society is working hard on cemetery readings and need help from individuals knowing of unmarked burials in Spencer County. We did not receive information on the marked but no name in Hackleman Cemetery. Grandview Cemetery has an above ground concrete vault without an identity. Also we need a surname for Vernon A., 1873-1950, and Lydia, 1884-1971. George and Lucinda Jones do not have dates. Please help us in this worthwhile project. Call 362-7268, 362-8256 or 362-8573 with information.

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Local Civil War vet was Irish settler

[Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.]

Civil War veteran gone

Patrick Doyle was born in Ireland, Dec. 11, 1844. He came to this country when he was about four years of age. He settled in Harrison County, Indiana and later moved to Spencer County, Indiana.

He was a soldier of the Civil War, having enlisted in Co. B, 146th Regiment of Indiana Volunteers Feb. 6, 1865. He served as Corporal of Captain John W. Lanman. He was honorably discharged Aug. 31, 1865 at Baltimore, Md.

He was married to Francis Catherine Bellville, Oct. 30, 1866, to which union was born five children; three of whom are still living. They are John Doyle of Grandview, William Doyle of Chrisney and Mrs. Nellie Arnesman of Huntingburg, In.

Patrick was married to Mary E. Painter of Rockport, In., Nov. 20, 1904. After living together for nearly a quarter of a century, he recognized the approach of death and said, "I must leave you." He died in the afternoon of June 10, 1929 at the age of 89 years, 5 months and 29 days. It was said of him that he liked to live and was not afraid to die.

He was baptized and received into the Little Pigeon Baptist Church, June 11, 1911, continuing to hold his membership there until his death. Since coming to Dale, In., 1924, he would attend one or another of the churches here when able and was visited by the pastors of the churches in his affliction.

He was one of the remnants of Civil War soldiers. It is said that only four in this community survive him.

In addition to the companion and three children, he is survived by one brother, John M. Doyle of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Anna Able of Minot, N.D.; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many friends.

Patrick Doyle was buried at Dale Cemetery, Wednesday afternoon, June 12, 1929.

[Taken from an old newspaper and given to Society to print.]

Post office changed

Chrisney post office changed from Spring Station.

[Taken from The Pocket, Sept. 29, 1833.]

Church news

The Christian class at Huffman's Mill first met in a schoolhouse in Huff Township near the residence of Wilson Huff. The organization started up at the Mills late in the fifties, and at that time among the members were: Widow Phillips, Herman Greathouse and wife, Silas Crissell, Jonathan Huff and wife, William Huff and wife, Susan Portwood, James Cox and wife, James Sanders and wife, Marvin Sanders and wife, Nat Hays and wife, Thomas Sanders and wife, Elijah Cravens and wife, Elizabeth Huffman, Samuel Carter and wife.

At the close of the war the frame church was built at the cost of about $700. The Rev. T. Goodman organized the class at the Mills. Other pastors have been Andrew Beard, Masterson Harris and Abner Conner. The membership at the present is rather weak.

[From History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties.]

Marriage

At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday evening, Oct. 6, by the Rev. Hayden Hayes, William T. Bullock and Miss Eliza Gentry, daughter of James Gentry Sr.

We wish the happy couple all the happiness that can possibly fall to the lot of young married people and may their pathway through life be free from the overshadowing of any trouble.

[Taken from Republican Journal, Oct. 7, 1874.]

Birth

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kratz, May 24, 1886, a daughter. Mother and child doing well.

[Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Souvenir Edition.]

Queries

Mrs. Harvey H.. Davidson, P.O. Box 278, Farmland, IN 47340, wants to know of John Hevron's earliest arrival in Spencer County. She knows he was here in 1829 in Ohio Township, but wonders if he was here before that time.

Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, or call 362-7268.

Oak Grove Cemetery

A grave next to Helen and James Niles has no marker but has recent yellow flowers. Alice and Dick's babies, surname need and dates if available.

Ebenezer Cemetery

There are several stone markers without names or dates. They have fresh flowers so someone must have identity. Please call and give information.

We need information on the Bronner family, there is a large stone without names or dates.

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Death

At 8:30 p.m. Monday, the 5th inst., Fannie Wilson, infant daughter of George L. and Mary E. Reinhard, aged 8 months and 3 days.

The funeral took place yesterday evening. Services were conducted by the Rev. W.L. Nourse.

The sympathy of a large circle of acquaintences and friends is extended to the grief stricken parents in their sad bereavement.

[Taken from Republican Journal, Oct. 7, 1874.]

Marriage Licenses

Thomas Fenwick to Gertrude Dailey, George Oller to Julia Miller, John H. Frank to Nan Cissna, Philip Frick to Hattie Brockman, Charles Dane to Anna E. Stuteville, Charles B. Skelton to Maria A. Barnett, F.W. Klotzbecker to Mary E. Rininger, Alonzo A. Deeds to Barabara Betts, Homer W. Crews to Maude E. Bryant.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 26, 1901.]

Death

Pleasant W. Whittenhill, one of the oldest and most highly-esteemed citizens of Warrick County, died last Saturday at his home in Boonville. Mr. Whittinghill formerly resided on a farm four miles west of Dale where he reared a family of 14 children.

[Taken from The Democrat, Nov. 1, 1907.]

Whittinghill, Pleasant, April 5, 1826, Oct. 26, 1907, married Jan. 17, 1850 to (Tuley) Abigail Jane, April 6, 1832, Aug. 4, 1909, daughter of William and Rebecca Tuley.

Winfried Scott, Oct. 28, 1850; William Stuart, June 16, 1852; John Albert, June 21, 1854, m Emma J. Taylor; Lewis P., Jan. 17, 1856, m Mary Fannie Armstrong; David Wayne, Sept. 23, 1857, Agnes E. Spradley, Rachel Lorinda, June 28, 1859 m. Walter Clark, Rebecca Jane, Aug. 15, 1861, m. Truman Tillman; Jacob Pleasant, June 24, 1863; Charles M., Feb. 14, 1865; Abbie Elizabeth, Sept. 15, 1866, Henry St. Clair; Desdemonia, March 28, 1867, m. Henry L. Barr; Henry Grant, Dec. 5, 1869, m. Maud Hunt; James Logan, May 15, 1872, m. Nellie McCutchen; Josephine, March 27, 1875, m. John Hunt.

[Taken from personal files of Sharon Patmore. Abigail, wife of Pleasant, was a sister to Jacob Tuley, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Patmore.]

Church News

The Baptist people gave a religious history of Indiana last Sunday night to a full house. The oldest protestant church north of the Ohio was a Baptist church established near the Ohio Falls in 1798, and one of the oldest in Southwest Indiana was on the old Small farm a few miles of Rockport.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1917.]

Lincoln City death

Will Reynolds, aged 51 years, died Sept. 27, at 4:30 p.m. at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Springston. He leaves to mourn his departure one brother, his mother, and step-father and many relatives and friends.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1917.]

Queries

Need to know if Edna C. Bush and Catherine Bush are the same person, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Early) Bush. Proof needed by person in Warrick County. This Catherine married George D. Bruce. Send information to Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport, IN 47635.

Alma Garman, Route 1, Box 135, Burr Oak, Kan., 66936, wishes to hear from descendants of William Decker. Also wants information on John H. and Catherine Decker from Germany, parents of William. The Tischendorf family ties in through marriage.

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John Himmelheber dies

The funeral of John Himmelheber was held last Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at the church under the auspices of I.O.O.F. Revs. Fouts and Todd conducted the services.

in the midst of life we are in death. John Himmelheber, born at Bloomington, Iowa, Dec. 7, 1844, passed to his reward Aug. 28, 1919, aged 74 years, 8 months and 21 days.

His parents were Michael and Nancy Himmelheber who removed from Iowa to Harrison County, Indiana, and while the deceased was yet a young man he removed with his parents to Spencer County where he has ever since resided.

He answered his country's call and enlisted in the service at New Albany, October, 1862, and served until July 17, 1865, when he received an honorable discharge.

He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and also was a member of the James C. Veatch G.A.R. Post, and of the I.O.O.F Order and the principles of this order, "Friendship, Love and Trust" were portrayed in his life.

Those of his immediate family surviving are: his wife, and three children; Mrs. Belle Brown of Patriot, Indiana; a son, Perry of St. Louis, Mo., and Mrs. Sam Freshley of Rockport; four children having preceded him to the Beyond while quite young; also three brothers, David and Jacob of Harrison County and George of Evansville, and one sister, Mrs. Jacob Stein of St. Louis, Mo.

[*Given by John Himmelheber for publication. Condensed.*]

Flood news

Postmaster Phillips of the Santa Claus post office says the mail going through his office during the recent holiday period was three times that of any other year.

Dale is supporting a goodly number of Evansville flood refugees. They are housed in the Dale school building and are being well cared for. School buses went after the people.

The Rockport Waterworks Company, who furnish light and power for all the county, was out of commission Monday and part of Tuesday as a result of the flood. It required herioc efforts to prevent a complete shut-down.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 4, 1937.*]

Queries

The Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, 47635, would like to correspond with descendants of William Allensworth and Nancy Jones Allensworth, early settlers of Spencer County (1818). They are buried in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. We need dates of their birth and death for cemetery record.

We also need trustee records, if available, for Spencer County cemeteries. Many burials can be recorded from these records if no stone remains. Trustee of Highland Cemetery, please call 362-7268 concerning a burial.

Thanks to the many people that have responded to our query column.

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Church organizes
Meeks School

Sunday, April 19th, 1896. On the third Sunday of April the following events occurred: At 9:30 o'clock as previously announced a goodly number of the members who had before been members of the Church of Christ came together for purpose of organizing a Church of Christ at this place.

After making necessary investigation it was decided to form a congregation at this place. Whereupon Henry and Marion Sibrel made known the fact that they had wandered and that they desired, having repented, of the same to have their relationship renewed to the Church of Christ. Whereupon the following members, George Hopkins, Ellen Hopkins, August Guenthere, Elizebeth Guenther, Elizebeth Powell, G.F. Sibrel, Mary L. Sibrel, Marion Sibrel and Henry Sibrel gave their consent to form a congregation worshipping after the plain simple manner of the New Testaments teaching.

[*Taken from original Meeks Church Book.*]

Telephone operator

Miss Naomi Weitkamp has been appointed night operator at the Southern Telephone exchange.

[*Taken from Dale Reporter, Dec. 28, 1917.*]

Golden wedding anniversary
Ferdinand News

Mr. and Mrs. John Adam Lehr of near Mariah Hill celebrated their golden wedding Monday. Amoung the large crowd present at the celebration were the following children; Anton of Kampville, Ill., Gust of Rockport, Albert of Mariah Hill, Paul, Bertha and Ida of Louisville. *The News* wishes them health and hapiness for many years to come.

[*Taken from Ferdinand News, Oct. 5, 1917.*]

Obituary

William Kinney, son of John G. and Dorthy Kinney, was born in Scioto County, Ohio, July 26, 1847. After a short illness he passed away Oct. 22, 1930, at his home in Chrisney at the age of 83 years, 2 months and 26 days.

He was one of Chrisney's highly respected citizens. He came with his parents to Spencer County when a boy. He was converted and united with the United Brethren Church in early life.

He was united in marriage to Katie B. Boyd, a native of Switzerland County, Indiana, Dec. 11, 1868. To this union were born six children, one having preceded him in death. When death cast a shadow over this family circle the second time, it was wife and mother who was taken from them, April 3, 1890. But he devotely served in rearing the children both as father and mother about seven years. On March 3, 1897 he was united in marriage to Mary C. Giles of Chrisney, Ind.

Surviving him are his wife, four sons, Charles of Grandview, Clarence and Alva of Evansville and John F. of Chrisney; one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Ice of Chrisney; three step-children, Clay Giles of Rockport, Catherine and Clara Giles of Dallas, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Mary Houstin of Hamilton, Ohio, these with a host of other relatives and friends are left to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at the U.B. Church on Friday afternoon, Oct. 24, with Rev. E.M. McCoy officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

[*Unknown newspaper clipping*]

Commissioners at work

The commissioners board was in joint session Tuesday with Perry County board at site of the Barger bridge over the Anderson River. The joint board decided to erect a new bridge at the site but have not as yet determined whether the bridge shall be of iron or wood.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, May 6, 1904.*]

Queries

Many cemeteries have been called in and we are trying to read them quickly. Sometimes locating one takes more time than actually reading the monuments. If you know the location of the following, please call 812-362-7268, 362-8256 or 362-8573. We prefer to know CR numbers if possible. Many are missing but we are able to find them much faster than by home-owners.

Dunn Cemetery, I&M property approximately 2 gravel roads from Grandview on New Bethel Road; Family Plot, directly east of Wright Cemetery in Jackson Township; Tuckerfield, Luce Township; Alexander, Grass Township; Old Snyder, Ohio Township; Richard Michel farm, Hammond Township?; Meeks, Luce, what happened to this cemetery when the road was moved, 161 by Pigeon Creek? Woods, Carter Township, we have a partial reading and need help with other burials.

Bible record

Daniel Miller and Mary Frank were married in the year of Our Lord, Jan. 27th, One thousand eight hundred and forty one.

Births--Daniel Miller, Oct. 11, 1818; Mary w/o Daniel, March 28, 1822; Sarah Ann, Feb. 3, 1842, dau.; Mary Marlissa, July 22, 184-, dau.; Clarrissa, May 11, 1846, dau.; John DeHaven, June 27, 1849, son; Margaret Marilda, June 2, 1851, dau.; Mary Letitia Jane, March 19, 1853, dau.

Children of second wife, Mary Jane Young: Emily, Sept. 22, 1856; Phebe, March 20, 1858; Parisade, Nov. 15, 1861; Alla Quippia, March 20, 1864; Daniel, Feb. 11, 1866.

Deaths--? Miller, March 1853; Daniel Miller, August 1865; Sarah, March 1860; Alla Quippia, Jan. 24, 1862, ? not poss.

Daniel Miller is buried on Joe Ayres farm. Hellen (Miller) Niles, the great-granddaughter of his and Mary (Frank), Daniel's first wife desired to return to Kentucky and be buried and the John DeHaven is her grandfather.

[*Taken from Christine Young's personal files given to Spencer County Historical Society. Note: Daniel Miller's stone is now broken and parts are missing.*]

28, 1917.] Clarence and Alva of Evansville and Tuckerfield, Luce Township; Alex-

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Zachritz family heirlooms offered at auction

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Historica family

The auctioneer's hammer will come down on the history of one of Rockport's old farm families.

The personal property of Mary Elizabeth Zachritz, a spinster who died recently at 89, will be auctioned tomorrow at the Zachritz home on Highway 66, just west of the junction with Highway 75.

The sale will be at the big, 26-room farm home that Ewalt Henry Zachritz and his sons built in 1882. The house, its barns, purebred harness racing horses, and its gatherings made it one of the showplaces of the area.

Ewalt Henry Zachritz, who migrated to Spencer County from his native Bavaria, Germany, via Cincinnati, had five sons and three daughters. The family kept the place in tip-top condition. The only one surviving is 78-year-old Logan N. Zachritz who lives just down the road from the big house.

Charles H. Zachritz, of Evansville, son of Logan and administrator of the estate, learned a great deal of family history in preparing for this sale.

He found wooden shoes that the grandparents wore in Germany. Logan Zachritz still has "blood letting" instruments his maternal grandmother used. She had been a doctor in Germany.

The old spinning wheel used to make the yarn for socks, gloves and blankets for the Zachritzes is now at the home of Charles here. But the big antique beds, the marble-top dressers and washstands, the old spring platform rockers and loveseats that graced the parlor of the Zachritz home half a century ago are going on the auction block.

Old Ewalt Henry Zachritz was a barber who came to the U.S. with his father. They settled in Cincinnati. One day Samuel Yanney, a farmer of nearby Cleves, Ohio, was peddling his fruit in front of the barbershop. With him was his lovely daughter.

When Ewalt Henry Zachritz went to purchase fruit, he decided the daughter was also for him. A short time later they were married.

Mr. Yanney and his young son-in-law came to Spencer County. Mr. Yanney bought miles of ground a mile deep, through which Highway 66 now runs. For awhile after they came here young Zachritz barbered on the steamboat lines between Cincinnati and New Orleans, making it back here about once a month.

In those days it was common for the barber also to be the dentist. Logan Zachritz still has the dental tools his father used.

Charles Zachritz, in going through the family collections, also found his father's naturalization papers. According to the family story, the elder Zachritz fought in the Union Army during the Civil War and when he was to be discharged, it was discovered that he wasn't even a citizen of the U.S. He had to be naturalized before he could get an honorable discharge.

In Spencer County the Zachritz family grew and the big house was built on part of the land that Mr. Yanney had purchased. The trees were cut from the land, and milled for building the house and barns.

Racing the harness horses was a favorite sport with Logan and his brother, Jacob. Logan became the blacksmith, making the shoes and weights for the horses, while brother Jacob became a driver. They took their horses to all parts of the country.

In late years the farm land has been rented. Logan, who has lived in an adjoining house for about the past 25 years, tended the vast farm until he was no longer able.

The house and its 90 acres will be rented.

Mary Elizabeth had stayed in the big house. Her sister, Maude, who used to work in an Evansville department store, and John D. Zachritz, who put up most of the lightning rods in Spencer County, all remained at home.

[Taken from an Evansville paper.]

Death

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie Mohn, of Grandview, who passed away last week in an Evansville hospital, were held Saturday at the Boultinghouse Funeral Home, with burial in Highland Cemetery, north of Grandview.

Mrs. Mohn is survived by two brothers, George Donham, Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Ora Donham of Grandview.

[Newspaper clipping with no dates. No marker at cemetery, any help?]

Queries

Please send information to Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN 47635 or Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN 47611.

We need to know the relationship between Margaret (Oskins) Gentry and Allen Gentry. We will send information to person seeking help.

We are seeking help on tracing the children of Harkers, David Harker and Nancy (Horton) Harker from Kentucky, in 1850 census.

Does anyone have information on Francis Marion Crawford ? Probably died 1873-75.

Soldiers

The following soldiers were not in the Memorial Day list of deceased veterans buried in Spencer County. We regret the omission but are pleased with the response to update records.

Hammond Township
Jacob Miller
Walter Summers
John Hempfling
Clay Township
Raymond Bell
Grass Township
Paul Bingle
Carter Township
Norman L. Medcalf
Henry Handschiegel
Luce Township
Julian D. Privett
Ted Osbone
William Samotauage
Aquilla Garvin

Ohio Township
Willis R. Young
Harry Daniels
Matthew Vogelsang
Charles A. Fay Jr.
Roger Wirthwein
Jerry W. Pyle
Emil Z. Ogburn
Ben Winchel
Robert Parker
Donald Wagoner
Charles A. Mohr
Charles A. Mohr Jr.
Charles Gibbons
William D Gentry
Wyman R. Bretz
Robert J. Fodder

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Dr. Jeffrey's Memorial Day sermon remembered

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Memorial Day sermon

This exerpt was taken from a sermon by Dr. Lawrence C. Jeffrey. He was born in 1872, Hammond Township. He married Cora Alice Dawson, daughter of Albert G. and Cynthia Burkheart Dawson. His father, John K. Jeffrey, was suppose to have given the land for Highland Cemetery, and it is to that cemetery he refers in this talk.

"Since I was a lad, Memorial Day has widened in its observance. In those days, we confined it to the veterans of the Civil War and others who had given their lives in previous wars."

"I remember when the Grand Army marched on Decoration Day. How proud they were with the drum and the fife they came down the way to the tune of 'Marching Through Georgia,' their suits of blue, their hats with tassels of gold cord, and they stepped with heads erect, and they came to our little country cemetery with flags and baskets of flowers. I stood with rapt attention and looked upon them as almost angelic, as patriots of the first order."

[*Submitted by Mary Jane Zellers in appreciation of the Veterans list.*]

Death

Ellis Hurst Raaf, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. William Raaf, was born Aug. 15, 1895, and departed this life, Nov. 14, 1917, age 22 years and 3 months.

The whole community has been shocked and grieved at the untimely death of this noble young man and his devoted parents and two brothers and a sister and a host of friends are buried in grief. But they do not mourn as those without hope. God has certainly transplanted one of earth's fairest flowers to beautify his garden above.

He graduated from the public schools at the age of 13, and at 17 he graduated from the Grandview High School and at 18 he graduated from the Lockyear Business College in Evansville.

Ellis was a "home boy" and he chose to be with his parents on the farm, where he could be of untold help and service to them, rather than plunge into the business world.

He was of a sunny, cheery disposition, always optimistic and looking on the bright side, a youth of high ideals and always having a spotless character.

He had a smile and a happy word for everyone, above all he had the confidence of his father and mother, and was always kind and good to them.

He loved the church and attended its services and especially took great delight in the many beautiful songs and only recently he said to his father, "There is one thing sure no one can get along without God."

[*Taken from Grandview Monitor, November 1917.*]

Gabbert-Kellor wed

At the early hour of 6 o'clock a.m. Tuesday morning occurred the marriage of Mr. John C. Gabbert to Miss Stella Kellor, the Rev. Leon Duncan officiating.

Notwithstanding the early hour for the wedding, the guests were there with faces bright and eyesight clear to see the knot tied. Some of the guests had driven from Rockport in order to be present at the ceremony.

It was a very pleasant affair in every way. The groom was attired in the usual conventional suit of black while the bride wore a traveling suit of brownish cast.

After the ceremony we were directed to the dining-room, where a sumptuous breakfast was served.

Among the presents were some beautiful pieces of china and silverware.

At 6:45 the wedding couple left for Rock Hill to take the train. On their trip they expect to see Nashville, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., and other principal cities of the South. They will also see Washington, D.C., before returning.

Their many friends unite in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous married life.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Nov. 1899.*]

Queries

David Ritsch, 211A Sunny Drive, Belton, Mo., 64012, needs the names of parents of John J. Absher, born in Virginia. He lived with David Tucker in 1850 in Spencer County.

Paul Salzman, 6516 Kimbell Drive, Evansville, In., 47710, would like to hear from readers familiar with the Fetter family. He especially wants the names of the parents of Andrew Fetter, born 1828, died 1909, and buried at Fulda. He also wants the parents' names of Mary Ann DeWaugh, born 1834, died 1909, wife of Andrew Fetter.

Rockport Democrat Feb 11, 1955

St. Peter's Church Nears Hundredth Milestone

St. Peter's Evangelical and Reformed church located 2½ miles east of Lamar was founded in 1861. The first building was dedicated on December 1st of that year with the following listed as charter members:

John Hempfling, Andrew Mann, George Leistner, John Leistner, John Fischer, George Helt, George Ries, George Held, August Lippert, Conrad Foertsch, George Kuefner, William Krueger and Wolfgang Vogel. Several of these members came from the St. John's Lutheran church near Boston, this was because of the travel distance involved in those early days. The congregation was served by supply pastors Zwolunik, Mueller and Quebner from 1861-1864. In 1865 a charge affiliation was formed with Trinity church, near Fulda. The pastor lived in the parsonage located near Trinity church until 1893 when a new parsonage was erected at St. Peter's church. This parsonage was built on a part of the 5 acres of ground which had been purchased from Mr. Wilson Huff during the preceeding year. In 1901 the cornerstone was laid for the present church building. This church was dedicated May 10, 1902 having an evaluation of $5,800. The 50th anniversary celebration was held on Dec . 3, 1911.

Some of the other firsts occured on the following dates: 1898, Young peoples League Formed; 1898, Ladies Aid organized; furnace in church, 1919; Delco Light plant, 1921; church plastered and redecorated 1924; shelter house built 1925.

The parsonage built in 1893 was torn down in 1945 and in 1946 plans were passed for the construction of the present 6-room modern home. This parsonage was dedicated on May 2, 1948. A contract for a new pipe organ was signed about this same time. The $5,000 instrument was installed together with the complete rebuilding of the chancel in Sept. and October of 1949. The church grounds were landscaped and the stones in the cemetery were straightened and aligned, so that for the first time a perpetual upkeep of the church grounds and cemetery was begun. A new garage was built in the summer of 1948. In the succeeding years the interior of the church was completely redecorated, floors sanded and refinished, new lights installed, new lecturn, pulpit chairs, candle sticks for the altar, new altar cloths, complete equiping of the church office, new rug, new hand rails on the church, shrubs and trees planted, extension telephone placed in the church, new cistern dug and on Jan. 30, 1955 a new basement was dedicated at the cost of $8,500, plus 2,740 man hours of donated labor by the members of the church.

This new addition consists of a modern kitchen, 2 rest-rooms, 2 cloak rooms, 2 outdoor entrances and an inside stairs to the sanctuary, a completely rebuilt furnace, a stage with 2 Sunday school class rooms and an auditorium 34'x58'. St. Peter's congregation takes much pride in these physical improvements through the years, boasting of one of the best equipped and beautiful rural churches of its denomination. New church roadside directional signs have been erected on highway No. 245 and the county cross roads leading to the church. This spring a new large 2 way bulletin board will be erected in the front of the church. Thus a church that was constructed for $5,800 in 1902 has been improved until its present replacement cost could well exceed $85,000.

The present membership of the church consists of 185 communicant members of whom 165 are living in the surrounding community and are active participants in worship, communion and the various church projects. The church in supreme authority for government rests in the hands of the congregation in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Evangelical and Reformed church. The administrative body of the church is the church consistory which at present consists of the following individuals: Elmer Pruess, Quentin Gayer, Carl Lottes, Charles Hemmer, Adolph Wittman, and Carl Leibering. Active organizations include: the women's guild, with a membership of 60. The officers of the guild are: Marie Leibering, Frieda Huebschman, Louise Held and Erma Racine. The married couples fellowship, a membership of 24 at present Officers—Bob Wittman, Damon Brown, Wanda Schaus and Carol Minor. The youth fellowship, 18 members. David Dersch, Marvin Leibering, Verlee Foertsch and Wanita Scherzinger, being the officers. The Sunday school officers are Laverna Gayer, Doris Vogel, Oleta Scheerle and Verlee Foertsch.

Pastors and the years they have served the church are as follows:

1861-1864—Zwolanik, Mueller and Quebner; 1866-1869, Rev. Albert; 1869-1876, Rev. J. Frick; 1876-1882, Rev. E. Nolting; 1882-1887, Rev. E. Bourquin; 1887-1892, Rev. F. Wolfe; 1892-1901, Rev. A. Egli; 1901-1903, Rev. A. Bittner; 1903-1908, Rev. C. Meyer; 1909-1910, Rev. P. Saffran; 1911-1915, Rev. P. Thomas; 1915-1920, Rev. E. Keefel; 1920-1922, Rev. J. Doellefeld; 1923-1925, Rev. K. Priper; 1925-1932, Rev. J. Nestel; 1933-1934, Rev. C. Rodemund; 1935-1938, Rev. C. A. J. Buck; 1939-1941, Rev. Glenn Engelbrecht; 1942-1945, Rev. Ed Grabert; 1945-1948, Rev. Edwin Riske, Supply; 1948-, Rev. D. R. Buckthal.

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1912 Haaff School news is remembered

Family Group Sheets

Last week we submitted a group sheet to be mailed or brought to the library. It needs to be clarified that old charts are what we need. CRIMP can only use those before 1917 but we welcome all to be put on file. Please respond to this request so Spencer County can have an abundance of valuable material to microfilm.

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Haaff School News

Haaff School, Feb. 13. Sarah Hunter is in school again this week having been sick several weeks.

We have three more new scholars this week, making a total of 33 enrolled.

Miss Ora Gorman visited Miss Carma Howland Sunday.

Miss Tillie Hunter visited Fannie Heady Sunday.

Jake Haaff and wife visited Jim Varner Sunday.

Misses Anna and Grace Howland of Collins Chapel visited Carma Howland last week.

Frank Shoemaker of Chrisney moved into the Haaff neighborhood last week.

Intended for last week.

[Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 29, 1912.]

A Sudden Death

John M. Huffman, a Civil War veteran, aged 73 years, died very suddenly at his home in Lake Mill neighborhood Wednesday night. (Feb. 13, 1918.)

He went to bed in his usual health, but was taken ill and lived only a short time, his death occurring at 10 p.m.

Mr. Huffman was a good citizen and the news of his death came as a sad surprise to his many friends.

He leaves a wife and two children, John A. Huffman and Mrs. John Pattie, and a large circle of other relatives and friends. The funeral will be held at the residence at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, the Rev. R.C. Hartman conducting the services, after which interment will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

[Taken from Grandview Monitor, February, 1918.]

Marriage Licenses

George Humphrey, 21, Ky., to Alice Osborne, 19, Ky.

Henry Payne, 21, Owensboro, Ky., to Winnie Ellis, 18, Owensboro.

Barnie Tooley, 22, Greenville, Ky., to Alva Mitchell, 18, Greenville, Ky.

Edward Weaver, 29, Spencer County, to Maggie Kunkler, 24, Dubois County.

F.W. Kokomore, 27, Edgerton, Ohio, to Flora Weller, 23, Spencer County, Ind.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 2, 1917.]

Death

Richard Wilbern was confined to his bed only six days before the call of the death angel was answered, the death occurring shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday evening, aged 62 years, 5 months and 2 days.

Born in Ohio of German parentage, he came with the family in childhood to Grandview, where he has since been a resident. He was married to Sopha Schroeder and to them were born two daughters, the youngest, Della, passing away in November, 1911.

For a number of years Mr. Wilbern has sold nursery stock and has made a large number of friends in the business dealing.

Mr. Wilbern was a loyal member of the Lutheran Church and the funeral services were held in the church Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J.H. Diehl, with interment in Grandview Cemetery.

Besides the daughter, Flora, and her mother, there are six brothers and three sisters besides other relatives and friends to mourn for the companionship that is now gone.

Relatives from out-of-town in attendance at the funeral were John Wilbern, Chicago, Ill.; Fred Wilbern, Mt. Vernon; George Wilbern, Mrs. Josie Brumyer, Mrs. Alice Currey and daughter, Vetris, Miss Geneverie Smith, of Evansville.

[Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 29, 1912.]

Real Estate Transfers

Albert M. Bean to Harry Beasley, Lot 1H, Chrisney.

Millie A. Brooner to Paul Fuller et al. S½ lot 33JH, Dale.

Ralph E. Roberts etal to Salina E. Sanders. N½ SE SE, 36-7-7, 20 acres.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 30, 1917.]

Queries

Pauline Henke, 7416 Juler Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243 is interested in Adam and Susanah Ofer. She needs the death dates and burial site.

Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library or Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind. 47611.

St. Mathias Catholic Cemetery Questions: Chrisney, Cuiril?, Jan. 28, 1890--Jan. 28, 1890.

Chrisney, Chester, Dec. 9, 1888--July 26, 1889, son of J.P. and E.

Pliel?, Anna Maria, Sept. 26, 1851--Oct. 2, 1875.

These are in Germany scroll and difficult to read. Please help.

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1917 *Monitor* reports death

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Death

Elizabeth S. Cowell, born in Virginia, Dec. 15, 1833, died Nov. 3, 1917, aged 84 years, 11 months and 15 days. She was united in marriage to H.S. Huffman Aug. 7, 1862; to this union was born one child, Adam. She has besides her son, four grandchildren living, three dead, and one living sister, Aunt Jennie Shoptaugh. Her husband preceded her to a better land 14 years ago.

She united with the U.B. Church in early life and remained faithful to her God and church until He called her home. She was a kind, indulgent mother, a loving wife and her kind and cheerful disposition was always an inviting characteristic. As the rays of the morning sun drives the dewdrops from off the rose, so did her cheerfulness banish sorrow and gloom from her presence. Her goodness and her virtue was to be noted in her contribution to her church, her country and society. She gave of her means, her talent and her strength that society might be bettered and her Christ exalted and glorified. She shed forth an influence as lasting as time and eternity, which will last when the sun ceases to shine, the moon is turned to blood and all the nations of the earth gone hence.

So let us remember that we live not to ourselves alone but for the benefit of others. Some day we will meet Grandma Huffman, for she is not dead but sleepeth.

[*Taken from The Grandview Monitor, November 1917.*]

Will Probated

The last will and testament of Martin Middleton of Hatfield was filed for probate October 7th and provides as follows: All his property is given to his wife, Mary E. Middleton, and to his heirs. His son, Claude Middleton, was named as executor to serve without bond. The will was signed Sept. 20, 1927 and was witnessed by James S. Gibbs and John C. Jolly.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 14, 1927.*]

Died 1868

It is with feelings of regret that we announce the very sudden death of Mrs. Totten, wife of G.W. Totten of Centerville. Mrs. Totten was taken with a congestive chill some time on Friday night or Saturday morning and died the next day on Sunday, the 28th. The infant son of Mr. Totten also died but a few days prior.

[*Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Aug. 1, 1868.*]

German Campground News

Wesley Ahring has purchased an automobile.

John Huffman was in Rockport last Friday.

Will Schmitt is attending a business college in Evansville.

Archie Ahring is home from Illinois where he has been shucking corn.

Charles Kokomoor is slowing improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaetzel, daughter of, Miss Anna, and son, Willie, were in Rocpkort Monday.

Mrs. Lampert and Mrs. Arhardt of Ohio were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schmitt and family for several days, also visited among other relatives.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 30, 1917.*]

Farewell Party

A farewell in the form of a pound party was given in honor of Misses Helen Day and Elizabeth Harrell and Carl Adams, who will leave soon for college. The affair was given Thursday evening on Fuller's lawn on Main Street. Present were friends and school classmates of the honored guests. Outdoor games were enjoyed, followed by refreshments.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 17, 1934.*]

Queries

Stephen Harris, 8 Stone Drive, Westport, Ct., 06880, is interested in the following surnames: Lamar, Ray and Mason. He is also interested in Grandview history besides what is in the Goodspeed History.

Norman Suter, 1404 Lakeshore, Mount Dora, Fla., 32757, is searching the Suter and Sanders families.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

1848 news from Texas is submitted

News from Texas to James Rasor

State of Texas, Smith County,
June 23, 1848

Dear Sir:

I take this opertun of informing you that we are landed safely in Texas and are well at present and hoping to receive a few lines from you bearing at least as good news. We had a very laboras travel for about two months but at last we have found the place we are all well satisfied and expect to remain in Smith County, Texas the balance of our days.

We would advise you to come and see this Country and we think you be of the same opion with us. We dont want to persadue you but we do think that you and father wold do well to come and see for yourselves. We believe that a man can make aliving with half the labor that he can wher you are for the reason that you dont have to feede enny thing exsept that it is some thing that is used and that only when it is used, you dont have to feede hogse nor Cattle winter nor summer. Hogs here at 18 months onle weigh 200 pounds without eating the first grain of corne. We think this a very healthy part of Texas. There is first rate water in this county, but there is a geate deal of bad water in Texas in the peraries where we traveled ther was no good water in that portion of Texas but there was Splendid lands. We are living in two miles and a half of Tylar and that is our next neightbor but that is nothing. There is people in Smith Co. 450 voters live in this county at present and there will bee as menny more. Simeon and Calvin has killed five large deer in the last four days by just going out to drive in the oxon thay are very fat and very plenty. We dont pretend to use what we kill.

Sim request you to tell E. Cockriel (Cook-Cockrum)? to bring him a small hatchet when he comes out this fall. Sim sayes to tell Andrew and Bill and Daniel that here is the place to make a living at farming easy. Deborah says that she is well pleased with Texas and hops to bee so. She says that if you will bring her a bb (barrel) of dryed apples that she will pay you in venison hams for them.

You will give my best to all the friends. I am your obedient Servant.

S. Cowan

[*Submitted by Alan W. Hall. It was written by Samuel Cowan, who married Deborah Rasor, to James Rasor. There were children of Simeon and Mary Ann Allensworth Rasor.*]

38 years ago

Charles F. Coutcier has shipped 17 carloads of hay since Oct. 15 last. He bought 1,500 bushels of wheat at Tennyson, Warrick County, last week.

The Chrisney Normal School began April 9 and will close June 15. This school should be encouraged by all of our citizens.

Miss Amelia Griepenstroh visited her parents near Newtonville Monday and Tuesday.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun, May 25, 1934.*]

Death

Burry Small, aged 76 years, was found dead in bed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Haberstroh, Monday morning about 7 o'clock. Funeral services were held at Shiloh Wednesday afternoon. He is survived by the widow and five daughters, Mrs. Haberstroh, Mrs. Walter Frank, Mrs. Ely Williamson, Mrs. Fay Carlisle and Mrs. R. Downs.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun, May 25, 1934.*]

Traction Line

Huntingburg is considering a proposition from the Vincennes and Southeastern Traction Company and wants to make that city a traction center, and is urging the promoters to go to Cannelton and Boonville. Better have them include Chrisney too, because Chrisney is really anxious to have a traction.

[*Taken from Boonville Standard, June 9, 1911.*]

Queries

Mrs. Immogene Watham, Route 1, Box 65, McLean, Ill., 61754, is seeking information on the James Buchanan Ice-Alice Criswell family. She especially wants ancestors, parents and birth place.

Spencer County Historical Society

Cemetery caretakers and trustees: We would appreciate copying records that you may have stored and forgotten about. They will be picked up and returned to you quickly by calling 362-7268 or 362-8256. These have many burials listed without monuments and will help us compile a more complete cemetery book. Call in your known burials without monuments and we will list them in the proper cemetery. Thanks.

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Box and Pie Supper

Box and pie supper at Sargent School Saturday night, Nov. 3. Bernice Enghof, teacher. Public invited to attend and participate for the benefit of the school.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Nov. 1, 1917.*]

Fall from Truck

Joe Holtzman and Joe Miller of Fulda went to Dale Tuesday with a truck for a load of flour. They put on 2,400 pounds and started back. About three miles east of Dale, Miller attempted to jump off the truck, but fell, the truck going over his right leg, breaking both bones below the knee. Dr. Allenbaugh attended him and reports the patient doing nicely.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 4, 1918.*]

Sudden Death of Mrs. W.C. Finch

Julia Gregory Finch was born Aug. 12, 1874, in San Antonio, Texas, and died in Grandview, Ind., Oct. 26, 1899. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in the city of her birth. She seemed much to prefer the worship of the Episcopal Church of which she frequently spoke. It was while yet residing in San Antonio, that, on Aug. 2, 1894, she was married to W.C. Finch, since which time their home has been in Grandview, Ind. At the time of her death, her parents were residents of the state of California and no one was present with her except her husband.

[*Source unknown*]

St. Meinrad News

John A. Greulich, Joseph Egloff and Karl Schellenberger were in Rockport Tuesday to see soldiers off.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jasper of Siberia were in town last Tuesday on business.

Mrs. William Neu of Ferdinand was here this week with Mrs. Mary Neu.

Dr. Claud Lomax and Mr. and Mrs. John Miller motored to Evansville Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schulz and Joseph Ackerman and sister, Miss Catherine Ackerman, of Tell City spent last Sunday in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Greulich.

[*Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 26, 1918.*]

Mrs. Eleonor A. Ribkey

Eleanora A. Ribkey, the youngest child of Laurent and Elizabeth Haag, was born at New Orleans, La., Dec. 17, 1849. Father, mother and two brothers preceded her in death. Outside her immediate family she never knew a near or remote relative. In Oct. 1872 she was united in marriage to Henry Ribkey. To this union no children were born. Mr. Ribkey preceded her 7 years last January. About the year 1880 she was converted during a revival held under the ministeration of Bro. John A. Ward, and at that time united with the Trinity M.E. Church of this city. Since that time she has always been a consistent and faithful member and a regular attendant at services during those years until incapacitated by her late illness.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 4, 1918.*]

20 years ago

The lifeless body of William Oskins, an old soldier, was found last Monday morning lying about four feet from the railroad track near Gentryville. Cause of the death unknown.

Marriage Licenses:

Jacob Roth to Florence Underwood.

James B. Snyder to Angie B. Tullis.

Henry Stephens to Josephine Patmore.

Lonnie Thurber to Mary Wilson Axton.

William Frank Moore to Lee Campbell.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 6, 1918. Items actually from 1898.*]

Queries

Mary Gustin, 404 Stroud Ct., Greenwood, S.C., 29646, wants parents of Thomas Jefferson Bays, born 1812; married Sarah Walsh in Switzerland City in 1832; believed to come from Kentucky; buried at Beasley Cemetery in Hammond Township, Spencer County, Indiana. He was the father of John P. Bays.

Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind., 47611, needs old newspapers, *Dale Reporter, Chrisney Sun, Grandview Monitor* and any other Spencer County papers to write the "Hoosier Ancestors" column. She will copy and return to owner.

Please send Northern Spencer County items of interest to Sharon Patmore.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 14, 1986

Brass band organizes in Chrisney

[Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.]

Chrisney Band

The Brass Band at this place is now fairly well organized and a full set of instruments has been purchased in the last few weeks. They have taken several lessons and do exceedingly well. Our best wishes are extended to the boys in their undertaking. Chrisney is a good place for a band. The following are the members and their respective instruments they play:

John Moutschka, director and cornet; Amos Sibrel, Eb clairinet; Ellis Hunter, Bb cornet; Rufus Williams Bb cornet; Claude Henderson, Bb cornet; Bert Toole, Eb alto; Ed Billart, Eb alto; John Kinney, Eb alto; Redman Grigsby, tenor; Jas. Craig, tenor; Joe Moutschka, slide trombone; Ves Hartley, Bb baritone; William Thrasher, Eb tuber; H.T. Toole, bass drum; Forest Henderson, snare drum.

[Taken from Chrisney Sun-Souvenir Edition, October 1953, actual year 1885-1900.]

Mrs. Freshley dies

Mary Ann Miller Freshley, daughter of Michael and Mary Miller, was born in Ohio, Oct. 25, 1848, and came to Indiana with her parents in early childhood. At the age of 12 years, she gave her heart to God and thereafter sought to know and do His will.

On Jan. 1, 1868 she was united in marriage to Frederick J. Freshley and together they founded a Christian home. This union was blessed with seven children but, while the youngest were yet small, the father was called to his heavenly crowning and she was left to rear the family alone. She felt keenly the responsibility of being both father and mother to her children but set herself steadfastly to the task of bringing them up to honor and serve God. In all things she sought His help and guidance.

On Saturday June 5, 1943, at 4:30 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Katie Anderson, her spirit took its flight back to the God who gave it.

Two daughters, Carrie Kennedy and Ida Hammond, and a son, Oscar, preceded the mother in death. Two sons and two daughters survive: George M. Freshley, Katie Anderson and Flora White, of Grandview; and Dr. F.J. Freshley, of Evansville. Also 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at New Hope U.B. Church, by the Rev. L.N. Garloch. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

[Newspaper clipping, source unknown.]

Santa Claus News

Dixon Pennington is going to teach our school this coming term.

The Rev. Ruff is going to Louisville, Ky., the early part of the week where he will attend conference.

Mt. John Ludwig has discovered a diamond as large as his head: the biggest so-called diamond ever discovered.

Wilfred Wetzel of Santa Claus is now in Huntingburg engaged in the harness and saddlery business.

[Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Sept. 1, 1883.]

Marriages

George R. Pope, 32, to Gertrude Hess, 26, both from Spencer County.

Eugene Schatz, 26, to Flora Sessor, 19, Rockport.

Harry T. Harter, 37, to Nanna Casey, 27, Newtonville.

Sidney W. Stocking, 42, to Malissa Wagner, 20, Rockport.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 16, 1906.]

Ten-year-old items

Mrs. Joe Graham, aged 70 years, died at her home in Enterprise.

Cupid item: Frank Palmer sold his potato crop, 800 bushels for four cents, clear of storage.

[Taken from Rockport Journal, March 16, 1906, events of 1896].

Marriage License found

An old original Spencer County marriage certificate has been located at an antique shop in Newburgh. It is as follows:

Harry D. McVey and Parrolee Hale, both of Gentryville, Spencer County, IN, married December 26, 1895 by W.H. Davidson, minister. Cost $18.

Queries

Martha M. Williams, P.O. Box 2, Reelsville, IN 46171 is looking for others researcing Townsend, John Taylor Jr., store owner in Rockport. He died 1886, with two sons remaining in Spencer County: Benjamin married Annie Bliss, died after 1900, and Jesse D. married Genvieve White.

Please send in your Family Group Sheets (before 1917). The history of your family can only be recorded if you respond to our requests. These need to be in by Sept. 15. If you missed our previous article, come to the library and pick up a form. An attendant can help you or direct your questions to our committee chairperson, Rebecca Middleton, 362-8573.

Soldier update

The following are an update to our Memorial Day tribute of our military veterans buried in Spencer County. If you want to report a veteran, please use the form below.

Ohio Township-- Robert J. Fodder, William H. Montgomery, George Boop, Harry F. Wilson, Fred Miller, Robert Parks Sr., Arthur Jaruis, Clyde Druelinger, Chester L. Black, Herbert W. Parsley Sr. and Jerry H. Parsley.

Grass Township-- Robert Wirthwein Sr. and Joseph Wanninger.

Luce Township-- David Williams.

Huff Township-- Wilbert Wittman.

Hammond Township-- James Murphy.

Corrections-- Harry Webb is not a veteran. Ted Osborne corrected to Theodore Osborne, Luce Township. Fr. Leo Sinkula corrected to Bro. Leo Sinkula, Harrison Township.

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Chrisney is illuminated in 1900

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Electric Lights

Out of darkness, into light! Tuesday, July 24, 1900, was a red letter day for the prosperous little city of Chrisney, for it marked another advance step in its already successful career. The new electric light plant was put into operation and from the first it worked like a charm.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun Souvenir Edition, 1953.*]

20 years ago items

William Jones, white, shot and killed Jim Bisquit, colored, near Scrapeskillet.

Peter Wohlbier has sold his dry goods and grocery store at Centerville to J.W. Riggs.

S.O. Graham and T.W. Cadick will begin in a few days to publish a business directory of Rockport.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, March 1906* [*1886 items*].]

Death

Sarah A. Bradley, daughter of Joshua Shrode, was born in Spencer County, Ind., June 5, 1835, died Oct. 26, 1905, at the home of Alfred Hammond in Grandview.

Her husband, Thomas J. Bradley, a soldier in the Mexican War, died February 1898. To this union were born eight children, six of whom are still living, one in New York, one in Dakota, one in Montana, one in Arkansas and two in Oklahoma. She was buried at the Hackleman Cemetery by the side of her husband.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 3, 1905.*]

Marriages

George J. Engelbrecht, 25, Huff, to Maggie Moosberger, 21, Lamar.

Fred Reiff, 21, to Susie Murphy, 19, Spencer County.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 26, 1906.*]

Teachers of Ohio Township 1883

District 1, E.L. Boyd and L.L. Spayd; 2, W.H. Jackson; 3, Adie Merithew, 4, J.V. Atkinson; 5, Maggie Spradlin; 6, Kate Snyder; 7, Mary McGarby, E.V. Frank; 8, Jos. Scamahorn, Stela Laird; 9, Kate Rasor; 10, J.W. Lang; 11, Prince Grimes; 12, Annie Meyers; 13, Lizzie McGarvey; 14, J.B. Mattingly; 15, Ella Thomas; 16, Robert Atkinson; 17, John Baxton; 18, S.V. Richards; 19, Alice Turpin; 20, R.B. Shrode; 21, W.F. Wingram; 22, T.R. Tyler; 23, Lewis David; 24, R.D. Newton; 25, F.M. Ingram; 26, C.A. Graham.

[*Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Aug. 18, 1883.*]

'Uncle Jack' celebrates anniversary

Relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Smith to help "Uncle Jack" celebrate his 89th birthday anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ayer and children, Mayme and Frank, of Grandview; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hopkins and children, Hazel Jane and Jack, of Huntingburg; Mrs. Sallie Smith and daughter, Martha Jane, of Rockport; Mrs. Alva Smith and children, Mabel Ruth, Jimmie and Roy, Mrs. Jake Rosenfield, Mrs. Henry Spicer, Miss Estelle Fryberger of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Emma Chrisney.

All enjoyed a bountiful dinner at the noon hour.

The Sun joins the many, many friends and relatives of Uncle Jack in wishing for him many more such happy anniversaries.

[*Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 7, 1936.*]

Shriners in Spencer County

A large delegation of Shriners from Evansville passed through town Monday enroute to Labor Day festivities at Tell City. They made the trip in a special car and the motor boat, Messenger. Three autos of citizens went from this place.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Sept. 6, 1917.*]

Queries

Norma Musgrove Craig, Route 3, Box 250, Ada, Okla., 74820, is searching for descendants of Samuel and Perthena Helen (Musgrave) Hoagland. They were living in Dale, Ind. in 1901. Helen was born 1858, Spencer County, Ind. to William Tate and Nancy Medcalf Musgrave.

Martha B. Greene, 810 N. Dartmouth St., Chattanooga, Tenn., 37405, desires information on Perry O. Green, born Dec. 22, 1841, and married to Mary Elizabeth Frank on Dec. 5, 1861; died March 29, 1884 and buried at Shiloh Cemetery. She needs to know place of birth, parents, etc.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

U.S. immigrant dies in daughter's home

Mr. Zimmerman Dies

John Zimmerman was born Feb. 23, 1847, near Bern, Switzerland, and christened March 14, 1847, in Bumlitz and was instructed in the Christian faith and after two years was confirmed in the spring of 1863 and to this faith in a Savior he remained true throughout his life when sorrow and cares came he never forgot to pray and ask for help of his Heavenly Father. When only six years of age his mother died and when he was sixteen years of age he left home to go to Canton to study French and as a soldier served in the Swiss army during the years of 1868-1871 as a lieutenant in the infantry of battalion 25.

At the age of 25 years he came to the United States, where his sister, Marie, had come to make her home, and located near Celestine, Dubois County, Indiana. After living here for some time he met Amelia Wirsing and was united in marriage with her. To them six children were born, one dying in infancy.

In 1887 they sold their farm near Celestine and came to the neighborhood of Lamar and the greater part of his life was spent in this community. Of him it can truly be said; A better neighbor there never was, always ready to help, and to the church he remained a faithful member, doing all he could for the upbuilding of it, and lending a hand to anyone in need.

Mr. Zimmerman seemed in usual health and spirits until just a few days before and he passed quietly away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Greiner, at Evansville, Jan. 29, 1935, at 4:30 p.m., where he and Mrs. Zimmerman were visiting. Mr. Zimmerman had reached the age of 87 years, 11 months and 6 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Amelia, five children- Mrs. Rosa Koster of Lamar, John Zimmerman of Louisville, Mrs. Clara Keller of Lamar, Mrs. Anna Greiner of Evansville and Edward of Lamar, and twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives and friends. The bereaved have lost a kind and living husband and father, and the community a good citizen and a good and helpful neighbor.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at St. Peter's Evangelical Church, Rev. Buck officiating, and burial in the church cemetery.

[*Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Feb. 8, 1935.*]

Wills Probated

Two wills were probated and recorded in the office of Spencer Circuit Court since our last issue.

August F. Dilger giving all his property real and personal, to his wife, Caecillia Dilger.

Henry Nielander gives all his property, real and personal, to his wife, Carolina Nielander, and names her as exectrix of his will.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal Dec. 6, 1918.*]

Hammond Township Teachers

1. W.P.Meeks; 2. Kate Vaughan; 3. Myrl Hasenmyer; 4. Casper Conner; 5. W.O. Lamar; 6. James Woodward; 7. Esther Fletcher; 8. Flo Richard; 9. Norma Foertsch; 10. Mrs. Ella Gudgeon; 11. Mrs. Bernice Enghof Pennington; 12. Mae Lloyd; 14. Blanche Anderson.

I reserve the right to make any changes deemed proper for the good of the school or any other reason. George E. Henderson, Trustee.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 13, 1981.*]

Marriages 1898

Larkin Dugger to Theodus McCarty. Edward Hamilton to Tula Meredith. James S. Dawson to Carrie Lawson. Luther Griffith to Jessie Cundiff. Edgar Hatter to Grace E. Brooner.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 13, 1918.*]

20 years ago items

Long May They Wave and Typify Liberty.

The ten men who went to Louisville yesterday were banqueted at a Rockport restaurant Tuesday night and about twenty of their friends were present. Addresses were made by L.N. Savage, James J. Rimstidt, A.H. Hoch, J.G. Baum and W.E. Brown. The guests of honor were Orville Martin, Chris Hale, John S. Stephenson, Bernard Alexander, Ottis Bunner, Thomas Bunner, August N. Powers, Robert Wood, William E. Shrode and Walter Ray.

[*Taken from The Monitor, Sept. 6, 1917.*]

Queries:

Angela Villines 109 Walnut, Dale, In. Would appreciate any information available for the surname Lemnons.

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Teacher leaves St. Meinrad after 33 years

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Teacher leaves

St. Meinrad: John M. Schnell has closed his 19th consecutive term of school in St. Meinrad and has bid Adieu to his many friends and removed to Troy to become a citizen of that town. In all, Mr. Schnell has taught school 33 years and has been one of the county's most progressive teachers.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal June 24, 1904*]

Divorce

Jan & Jesse Whitehouse May 1853. James & Sarah Mathis February 1853.

Isaiah E. Ayer dies

Isaiah E. Ayer, son of Isaiah Strange and Hannah Delaney Burbick Ayer, was born in Hammond Township Indiana, April 3, 1861. He passed away at his farm home south of Rockport suddenly at about eight o'clock Thursday morning, July 19, at the age of 95 years 3 month, and 16 days.

He grew up and lived many years on the home farm in the Mt. Moriah neighborhood east of Chrisney. He completed the common school work at the old Ayer school and attended the Mr. Moriah United Brethren Evangelical Church of which he was a member. He first married Rena Alley. Following her death, he married Emma Jackson Harvey in 1895 in Chrisney. To this union were born five children, four of whom survive; Lucile Day of Richland; McKinley and Joe of Rockport; and Lawrence of Chrisney.

A son Orace, by his first marriage, died at the age of nine. A daughter, Apphia Grace Curl, died in 1951.

Isaiah Ayer was the last of a large family with his five sisters, a brother, and all his first cousins preceding him in death.

In 1918 the family moved to Payne Hill community. Since the death of his wife in 1923, he remained at the farm home on Payne Hill. For many years there he enjoyed the family of son, McKinley and daughter-in-law Mary.

A son of the soil, he was busy with his chickens and bees even to the last days. He recovered from a critical heart attack about three years ago and had been in failing health since that time. Of keen wit and sociable, he retained his keen interest in life until the last. He in mourned by his children, McKinley, Joe, Lawrence and Lucile; 15 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held at Boultinghouse Funeral Home Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Rev. Oscar Anderson officiated. Burial was in Oak Hill cemetery in Chrisney.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, July 1956*]

Petit Jurors for November term

Luce Twp. Nathan Hornback, William Middleton. **Ohio Twp.** Thomas Strassel. **Grass Twp.** J.K. Pope, Joab Hill, M.M. Groves. **Jackson Twp.** Henry Tribbie, George Gerlach. **Huff Twp.** Frank J. Waldheir, George Foertsch. **Hammond Twp.** Lawrence Harter.

Harrison Twp. Henry Heinlein.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 3, 1905*]

New cemetery reading

This little cemetery is on CR 900N off 545 in Huff Twp. It is fenced and as far as known, hasn't been recorded. George W. Osborn Jan. 20, 1832-Jan. 1877; Sally W. Lynch D. Aug. 28, 1852 (d/o W&M 1y26d).

Two sandstones John B. Greathouse April 6, 1823 - April 16 1840, (s/o Luther & Mary); Luther Greathouse D. Nov. 10, 1857 (67y11m5d), Mary Greathouse D. Oct. 11, 1857 (w/o Luther 65y). 1850 Spencer County Huff Twp. census.

The Osborn and Greathouse families in the census as follows: #1212 Osborn, John 45 Pilot Penn; Elizabeth 52, Ky.; George W. 18, Ind.; Sarah F. 17, Ind.; Jas. R. 15, Ind.; Adeline 12, Ind. #1229 Greathouse, Luther 61 Farmer Ky.; Mary 60, Ky.; Luther W. 18, Ind. Burried in cemetery above.

Queries:

Cynthia Taylor Smith, Apt. 59, Poplar Grove Apts., Lewisport, Ky., 42351. Surnames: Ray and Anderson. She is interested in corresponding with anyone on the two surnames. Also wonders if there was a Fay Family Book published by a Spencer County person. She was told this but hasn't been able to locate it.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Cohoon offers fodder for a wife

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Two and a half tons of fodder for a wife

E.L. Cohoon, the Friendship farmer, living a few miles north of this city, who some time ago advertised quite extensively in the local papers for a helpmeet, and who went to Rockport, Ind., a few weeks ago thinking that the right one had been found at that place, is now of the opinion that he has been cheated, according to the reports of a relative of Cohoon.

The next day after leaving here for Rockport Cohoon came back passing through the city on his way home, but without the bride it was expected he would bring with him. Recent reports show why this was the case and why Cohoon has grounds for believing that he has been cheated.

A relative of Cohoon, knowing that he was in search of a wife, learned that the woman in question was also in search of a husband. He approached Cohoon, offering to find him a wife for two and one-half tons of fodder. Cohoon consented, paid the fodder and then left for Rockport to receive the bride, he having never seen her before. But upon his arrival in Rockport he discovered that the woman had a house full of children, and at the time all of them were victims of the measles. He acknowledged then and there that he had been cheated, returned home singly, and is still keeping bachelor's hall at his farm in the vicinity of Friendship.

[*This old newspaper clipping from a Mt. Carmel, Ill., newspaper was found in an old trunk that belonged to the late Jacob and Gertie Purviance of Chrisney.*]

Cohoon reunion

The Cohoon family reunion will be Sunday, Sept. 14, in the shelter-house at Scales Lake Park in Boonville. There will be a carry-in potluck dinner at noon. All Cohoon family descendants are urged to attend.

The Pocket Subscribers

The following persons have paid subscriptions to *The Pocket* since our last issue: W.T. Rice, W.A. Moody, Conrad Rudesil, T.S. Beeler, William Grass, Robert W. Cox, A.D. Winkler, David Arnold, Ben Masterson, Levi Haines, L.Q. Huffman, J.D. Price, W.W. Price, Ira Broshears, Henry Romig, Simon Gross, Dr. W.H. Cotton, Dr. L.B. Lucas, Robert Gentry, J.F. Biles.

[*Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.*]

River News

The Steamer Greenland will be down Thursday of this week from her second excursion for St. Louis. She carries passengers from Rockport, the round trip includes one week's board and lodging in St. Louis for $40 the round trip.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, June 17, 1904.*]

Respected Citizen dies

Mrs. Sarah Luckado, one of the old and respected citizens, died Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 10 p.m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Scott Miller in Shiloh neighborhood. She would have been 78 years old next Saturday and had spent her life in the neighborhood where she was born, being the youngest daughter of David Harker, one of the pioneers of Luce Township. She had been a widow for many years and made her home for some time past with her daughter, Mrs. Miller. She was the widow of George Luckado, deceased. She leaves six children—three sons, Robert, Claude and Rol and three daughters, Mesdames Scott Miller, Clint Barnett and James A. Haines Jr.

[*Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 6, 1918.*]

Collins Chapel

Mr. S.B. Gilman's baby is very low. Wheat is yielding from 12-17 bushels per acre. Clinch bugs have about all but disappeared from corn and cane. Several of our boys are talking of leaving us to work on the railroad. Mr. John Brady, our saw mill man, has gone to Cincinnati with a lot of cherry lumber.

[*Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.*]

Queries

Marceline H. Mills, Route 1, Box 42, Nevis, Mn., 56467, would like to hear from researchers or family on these surnames: Mills, Royal, Cain and Hornback. Many are buried at Shiloh Cemetery.

Barbara Gentry, 412 Wyoming, Bethalto, Ill., 62010, is interested in finding information on Shelton Gentry, son of Samuel Gentry from second marriage.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

September 18, 1986

Kick from horse proves fatal

[*Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.*]

Kick from horse fatal

Ellis Raaf, eldest son of ex-commissioner W.H. Raaf, was kicked by a horse yesterday afternoon and died instantly. We are told the blow was given just above the heart.

Ellis was a young man of exemplary character and would have gone out under the next selective call. The family have the sympathy of many friends.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 15, 1917.)

Necrology

William H. Winkler, son of Thomas and Sallie Barnett Winkler, was born Oct. 15, 1839, departed this life, Nov. 24, 1918, at the advanced age of 79 years, 1 month and 9 days. His entire life was spent in radius of a few miles from the place of his birth, being 2 miles northwest of Shiloh Church.

June 4, 1861, he was united in marriage to Mariah Rebecca Lusk and for more than 57 years, hand in hand, sharing their joys and sorrows as one, they traveled down the journey of life. To this union six children were born, all being boys, the oldest being 56 and the youngest 41 years of age, at the present time, who with the mother survive. His religious life and relation with the M.E. church began in his earliest years and as the years passed by his chief aim in life seemed to be to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. In his daily conversation his earnest desire above everything else seemed to be the conversion of the unsaved, and to impress upon the minds of church members the great necessity of taking higher grounds in the Christian life.

The immediate family should be thankful that the tie was not broken sooner; they have enjoyed his presence and companionship for many years. It should be joy in the midst of their sorrow to know he remains in the minds of the public a model Christian.

In the passing away of Uncle Will, as he was familiarly called, it can be truly said: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, Saith the Spirit, they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Funeral service was held at Oak Grove Church Wednesday at 2 p.m. The funeral discourse was delivered by the Rev. Davis, preacher Rockport circuit in charge. By request of the deceased special music was rendered by the six sons and the obituary was written and read by Don Seay. The pall bearers were the six sons—Frank of Gibson County; Cull of Princeton; Harry of Niotize, Kans.; Charles, who resided with his parents; Will and Elza, residents of this (Ohio) township. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 6, 1918.)

Marriages: March 31, 1899

Ben Montgomery and Stella Crow, Bernard Hubers and Francisca Eglogg, H.L. Schank and Mary McDaniel, John A. Beeler and Mildred Ward, Claude Kemp and Catherine Raibley, Vincent Gudorf and Tillie Nielander, Gus Krueger and Katie Vogel, Harmon Bohler and Susan Smith and Felix Bettag and Anna Schwarte.

Unruly cow causes death

A shocking accident occurred last Friday morning, just over the line in Spencer County, by which Henry Gray, son of William Gray, formerly of Skelton Township, lost his life. He was assisting his mother in milking an unruly cow, that had run away 2 or 3 times. He mounted a horse and went after her, when his mother found him, he was unable to speak, and died Saturday morning. He was buried yesterday (Sunday) at the Phillips Cemetery. His mother and young wife, of whom he married but a short time, could hardly bear his bereavement. His wife was a daughter of Jesse Pearce.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 1, 1879.)

Queries

Bryan Bell of Box 569, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, 5500 Wabash Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47803 would like to correspond with living descendants of Frakes, Hessons and Tuleys of Spencer County.

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Lightning kills man near Rockport

[Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.]

Struck by Lightning

On Monday, May 26, about 6 o'clock Charles Weldon and Robert Jones, his brother-in-law, on a creek three miles west of Rockport, near the farm of James Greathouse, were struck by lightning. Weldon was instantly killed. Jones' brother, John, heard his cry for help and rescued Jones. Weldon was married, and leaves his wife (age 24 years) and one or two children. He was a painter by trade, formerly lived in Boonville, and was making preparations to move back to Boonville.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 29, 1879.)

Brady Bible Record

Births: Albert Brady, Dec. 9, 1812; Mary M. Brady, 1848; James L. Brady, July 22, 1866; Susie Vicora Brady, Jan. 22, 1869; Luca Vance Brady, Nov. 12, 1872; Margaret Marilda Brady, Feb. 28, 1874; Claudis Brady, Feb. 24, 1877; Absalom Brady, April 20, 1880; John W. Brady, Oct. 6, 1886.

Deaths: William H. Brady, Sept. 26, 1919; Mary M. Brady, Dec. 2, 1930; John W. Brady, March 23, 1934; Albert W. Brady, Aug. 8, 1941; Lucy V. Brady Brooks, March 8, 1942; Claude Brady, Dec. 12, 1946; James L. Brady, June 12, 1952; Absalom A. Brady, Nov. 3, 1948; Cora Woodruff, Feb. 25, 1959.

On Papers: Father, William Henry Brady, Feb. 25, 1843; Mother, Mary M. Miller, July 22, 1844; Mary Toddler and Richard Brown, great-grandparents; Nancy Rhodes and John Brady, great-grandparents.

This was done by and in the possession of Maggie Brady Meredith 1963. She was 89 years when copied by Miss Christine Young.

Civil War Veteran Dies

Fred Atkinson, Civil War veteran died at the age of 81 at his home near Rockport. He was a former school teacher and trustee of Ohio Township.

Albert Switzer and George Kessans of Tell City purchased the local bakery from F.H. Tolliver.

Peter Scherer, local cabinet maker, who was born in Germany died at the age of 72.

John Kebortz Sr., 90, a native of Rhine, Germany died at his home near Zoar.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 31, 1944, 20-year-old items, 1924.)

Bennett-Burgett Marriage

Mrs. Anna Bennett announces the marriage of her youngest daughter, Mary Ann, to Frank Burgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Burgett, of Elmira, N.Y. The wedding took place at the M.E. parsonage in Louisville, Ky., on Saturday evening, Aug. 8, with the Rev. Gates officiating. The couple will leave for Elmira in the near future where they will reside. Mr. Burgett will be employed in the Morrow plant there.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 1936.)

Boat trip cut to one trip

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 1, the Cannelton-Grandview boat will make but one round trip daily, leaving Grandview at 8:50 a.m. and Cannelton at 4:00 p.m. This will give visitors about four hours in Cannelton and make the return trip the same day.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 29, 1917.)

Personal

Mr. Elijah Hatfield favored us with a call Tuesday socially. Dr. L.B. Lucas of Buffaloville was in the city Monday and made us a pleasant call.

Miss Lillie Richards of Spencer County is visiting in this place, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G.J. Roth.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.)

Queries

Who were the parents of Bertha Ann Whitworth born 1881 in Perry County, In., and married Stanley A. Southwood, 1900. Send to Spencer County Historical Society c/o Rockport Library, Walnut Street, Rockport, In. 47635.

Davis is seeking descendants of Joe and Lizzie (Weatherholt) Davis through their children, Horace, Forest, Lawrence, Orval, Mary E. or Dora. Contact Robert R. Nemecek, 6676 Brook Way, Paradise, Calif. 95969.

Hancock County, Ky., Archives is open Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. It is closed all other days.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 2, 1986

Ohio River freezes 2 times before the 1918 New Year

Ohio River freezes

The River was frozen from shore to shore at this place (Grandview) twice before New Year's.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Jan. 3, 1918.)

Hannah Sibert dies

Hannah Garrison Sibert, daughter of Isaac C. and Mary Moore Garrison, was born Dec. 27, 1846, in the state of Ohio. She departed this life May 21, 1937, having reached the ripe old age of 90 years, 4 months and 23 days. She was married to Thomas J. Sibert in February 1881, to which union were born three children.

She became a member of the Rockport M.E. Church in 1885 where she remained a consistent member until her death.

Surviving her are one daughter, Mrs. Elinor S. Walker of Rockport, (one daughter, Edna Crooks, and one son, Harwood, having preceded her to the great beyond); six grandchildren, by whom she was loved most dearly; four great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted at Axton's Funeral Parlors at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Burial was in Shiloh Cemetery.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, May 26, 1937.)

Marriage Licenses

G.W. Whitehouse and Belle Shackelford.

Emory Wheeler and Tishie Mitchell.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.)

Grave robbers--state news

Grave robbers have been at work near Rockport.

Body-snatchers, stole the body of James Lowery, from Rockport cemetery, one day last week. Lowery was a colored man, and had been buried a short time.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, April 27, 1894.)

Clay Township death

On Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. the tolling of the old church bell announced to the many sad hearts that the time had come to lay the remains of D.F. Conner in their last resting place. His age was 18 years and 12 days.

Delbert was a twin and was unusually attached to his twin brother, Elbert. He called almost continually for him in the last stage of his illness of 13 days, but had to be deprived of his presence on account of the rest of the family being ill of the flu. Neighbors could not give proper assistance on account of the disease.

Delbert will be sadly missed in the home and by his many friends. 'Tis our loss but heaven's gain. His death was caused by flu, followed by pneumonia.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 6, 1918.)

Wedding solemnized

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of A.S. Patmore Sunday night at 8 o'clock when Mr. Plenny Ludwig, of near Lincoln City, and Miss Cecelia Patmore were united in marriage by the Rev. Wright. They are highly respected young people of this community and have many friends who will join us in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

Note: Mr. Ludwig died in 1977 after nearly 60 years of marriage. Mrs. Ludwig passed away Feb. 27, 1986.)

(Taken from The Monitor, Dec. 27, 1917.)

Drowned in cistern

Mrs. Amos Lemmon, of Rockport, was found by her husband drowned in a cistern Tuesday afternoon. The covering of the cistern gave way under her weight, and being alone in the house, no one heard her give any alarm for rescue. She was the daughter of the late Morris Sharp, and the niece of Col. Jones, of the Rockport Democrat, and was happily married about three years ago but leaves no children.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, April 8, 1882.)

Queries

Sharon Patmore, 362-7268, asks the lady who called several months ago about burials at Shiloh and Willow Pond to call back with dates. We need dates, if possible, on all burials without monuments for the updated cemetery books. The surnames were Hahn and Nanny.

Mary Help of Christians Church

In reading this cemetery, Sharon Patmore found a few that are questioned. If you can help, contact her at 362-7268, or Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN. They are all in the sixth row from the picnic area: Gogel, Johana, Feb. 8, 1854, Oct. 1915; Hunbert, Maria, June 3, 1845, Oct. 14, 1920; Tund, Franziska, Feb. 16, 1859, March 2, 1916, maybe Pund?

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Veranda Hotel manager visits Boonville

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Hotel Manager visits

John Nester, the general host of the Veranda Hotel at Rockport, was in town Saturday and Sunday, the guest of his son, George.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Sept. 4, 1886.)

Marriages

William Cohoon and Mary Pearce; Charlie W. Johnson and Amanda E. Winham; Fred Osborn and Mattie Lemonson; Andrew C. Real and Susan A. Arnold; W.H. Brooner and Mary F. Leathco; H.R. Ensor and Amanda Meyers; Lewis Taylor and Cordie Roberts; McClelland Buner and Della Homan.

(Taken from Rockport paper, March 16, 1886.)

Sis Cotton dies

Mary Rosina Cotton, better known as Miss "Sis," passed away at 5:45 p.m. July 5, 1930, at the Rathbone home in Evansville.

Miss Sis was the oldest daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Ellis) Cotton, was born in this city. Her parents came to this vicinity from North Carolina and Kentucky and were connected with the pioneer activities of the town and county. Her father held positions of honor and trust being county clerk in the early days. He also belonged to all organizations for the betterment of the community.

Miss Sis was educated in the Rockport schools and the classical school at Owensboro, Walker's Institute, which was outstanding in those days. She was trained in the M.E. Church and Sabbath School and always from early childhood took part in all church programs. As a young woman she taught school and left an impress upon her students for the higher ideals of life. Socially, she was a great favorite and received many courtesies from young and old. For a number of years she was a business woman, holding a position in the book store of E.E. Wesseler, her brother-in-law.

She retired from active life June 22, 1909, and went to reside at the Rathbone home in Evansville. Here she spent 21 years of peace and contentment in a luxurious home. She told a friend a short time before leaving for her final home, that the management and those in authority at the home had been lovely in every way to her and the patience, comfort and beautiful surroundings were delightful and her heart was full of praise and gratitude. Her suffering was of almost six months duration.

Services were held at the Rathbone Home at 8:30 Monday morning, by Dr. Keck of Trinity Church, Evansville, and continued service was held by Dr. Lenig at the M.E. Church in this city at 10:30. Interment was in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Thus the last of a prominent pioneer family passes on.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping in 1930.)

Queries

Mrs. D.G. Leslie, 3530 Valley Ridge Road, Dallas, Texas, 75220, wants to know if anyone knows where Mrs. Nancy Sallee Wright, third wife of Jeffrey Wright is buried. Are there any descendants of her living in Spencer County?

Carroll Haven, Route 2, Box 45, Morgantown, Ky., 42261, wants to know what Joseph Bratcher's wife, Myrana's last name, who resided in Spencer County in 1860 and died 1862-65 when Joseph remarried.

Please send your column material to Spencer County Historical Society, Walnut Street, Rockport, Ind. 47635, or Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind. 47611. Do not send to the newspaper.

Thanks to those responsible for cleaning many of our neglected cemeteries. We have received many calls about cemeteries being cleaned, especially Friendship, Tabelman and Mt. Moriah.

We are very close to completion of rereading our Spencer County cemetery project. If you know of any that have not been reported, send that information in also. Many are buried without markers and we need names, location and dates, if possible, to properly record them.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Harness business lasts for 41 years

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Grandview business

Forty-one years is a long time to be in business in one community and Grandview has such a business. In Nov. 1876, William Herron set up for himself in the harness business in a frame building near the site of the Methodist Church. In the summer of 1883 he moved into the room he now occupies. When he began business most of the leather he used was grown and tanned in the county but now there is not a tannery in the county and he has no idea where the pelts are grown. In the face of all opposition, he is able to sell all the harnesses he can make.

(Taken from The Monitor, Jan. 3, 1918.)

Bible record

Births: Josiah Crawford, Sept. 23, 1802; Elizabeth (Anderson), Nov. 14, 1806; Abel Crawford, May 22, 1824; Samuel A. Crawford, Jan. 8, 1826; Ruth Crawford, May 25, 1828; Josiah Crawford, March 31, 1829; Mary (Crawford) Adams, Aug. 31, 1831; John H. Adams, Dec. 27, 1827.

Additional births: Josiah P. Crawford, Sept. 7, 1848; Mary Elizabeth Crawford, May 15, 1850; Nancy Crawford, June 12, 1853; Andrew Crawford, Aug. 4, 1856; John Crawford, Jan. 4, 1859; Samuel A. Crawford, Sept. 26, 1860; Ruth Crawford, Oct. 6, 1862; Francis M. Crawford, Feb. 19, 1867; Rozena Crawford, Sept. 13, 1870; Christopher Crawford, Sept. 18, 1872; Benjamin Crawford, July 1, 1874; Cora Belle Eichling, March 17, 1871; Maggie Francis Eichling, April 7, 1882; William Adams, Sept. 10, 1852; Israel Adams, May 8, 1854; Samuel Adams, May Oct. 24, 1856; Maria Adams, Feb. 20, 1859; John Adams, May 24, 1861.

Marriages: Josiah and Elizabeth, March 27, 1823; John and Mary Adams, Oct. 26, 1851; Samuel and Nancy, Oct. 21, 1847.

—Deaths: Samuel A. Crawford, March 14, 1900; Nancy A. Crawford, Nov. 14, 1895; Nancy E. Scott, July 14, 1883; John A. Crawford, March 23, 1896; Christopher Crawford, Nov. 25, 1897; Benjamin Crawford, Nov. 23, 1899; David A. Scott, Dec. 10, 1903.

(Taken from the family Bible of Samuel and Nancy Ann (Posey) Crawford.)

Market prices

Wheat, 66 cents; corn, 65 cents; cream, 22 cents; eggs, 11 cents; hens, seven cents and 11 cents; springers, 11 cents, 12 cents, 13 cents; cox, six cents.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 1940.)

Marriages

James M. Royer to Mary Jackson; W.L. Brown to Mary Cohoon; Joseph Bittle to Mary Snyder; L.O. Howell to Sallie Nall; Samuel Sargent to Amanda J. Lee.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 7, 1897.)

Class of 1911--Dale

Cockriel, Swanie; Cooper, Ethyl; Fahn, Nelson; Rice, Arthur; Wedeking, Mabel.

(Courtesy of North Spencer School Corp., Thomas D. Brumett, Superintendent.)

Dear Santa

I am a little girl three years old. I am a good girl, so I want you to bring me for Christmas a little piano, a little chair and cradle for my doll and a teddy bear and some peanuts, candy, some bananas, oranges and a pair of shoes. So Santa thats all I want, but don't forget ma, and papa and Mrs. Squire. Bring them something to.

Bernice Adeline McCoy
Rockport, IN, RR1, Box 58

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 17, 1915.)

Queries

Betty Leslie, 3530 Valley Ridge Road, Dallas, Texas, 75220, asks if anyone knows of any grandchildren of Jeffrey Wright and Nancy Sallee, who might be living or who their children married.

Mary Krodel, 840 Church Avenue, Jasper, IN, 47546, is looking for information on Henrietta Spayd. She is buried at Mary Help of Christian Cemetery in Mariah Hill, but there are no dates.

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Dale politician shakes hands on campaign trail in 1888

Politics in 1888

Dr. S.F. Johnson of Dale was shaking hands with his many friends here one day this week. It seems to be taken by common consent that he will be the Republican candidate for county treasurer.

(Taken from the Boonville Inquirer News, Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.)

Cliff Abbott dies

The remains of C.W. Abbott were brought here from Chrisney Sunday afternoon and buried near the grave of his wife and daughter in the Grandview Cemetery. A large number of friends met the sorrowing widow and daughter at the cemetery and witnessed the burial.

Mr. Abbott died at his home in Chrisney Saturday morning of tuberculosis, after about two years of patient suffering. He was born and reared at Newtonville and for years he lived at Chrisney, being connected with the Sun office. From here he went to Grandview where he lived for several years. He gained quite a reputation as a poet and writer. He composed a great many well known poems and had them published a few years ago into a book he appropriately called "Wild Rose." In recent years he studied for the ministry and had charge as an M.E. minister for several years at Winslow, Ind., where he gained many friends. He moved from Winslow to Chrisney about three weeks ago.

(Note: He died June 27, 1913. Taken from Grandview Monitor, July 3, 1913.)

Class of 1897 motto, "Excelsior"

Ada Robinson, Harry Mosby, Julia Hatfield, Frank Silverthorn, Willie Herron, Carl Wollner, Harley Swing, Susie Sutton, Ernest Billingsley, Claude Bennett, Annie Rice, Lafie Thorpe, Sam Eiceman, Kate Willison and Philip Swing.

Cemetery reading

This little cemetery was found behind Fairview Church on Highland Road. It appears to have been much larger at one time. Let us know of additional burials.

Clevenger, Samuel W., died Aug. 10, 1855; Jones, Elizabeth, died Nov. 22, 1853, wife of Alexander, 39 years, 4 months, 28 days; Bott, William H., born May 23, 1826, died March 22, 1865.

Eight sandstones in three neat rows.

(Note: Census Hammond Township. Clevinger, Samuel, 38 years, born in Kentucky; Martha, 36.

Marriages

Jessee Hoover, farmer, McHenry, Ky., to Eunice Kincheloe, Centertown, Ky.

Paul Bays, coal minter, McHenry, Ky., to Leona Gladdis, Owensboro, Ky.

William O. Burns, pipe fitter, to Nora Rimstidt, Rockport.

Herman Stout, railrider, Petit, Ky., to Frances Thompson, Owensboro, Ky.

Jasper Crowley, farmer, to Mayme Martin, Daviess County, Ky.

Frank Miller, farmer, to Mary Lemmer, Mariah Hill.

Elmer L. Alsip, farmer, to Blanche Bales, Ohio County, Ky.

Inlow Swope, farmer, to Claudie May Smith, Daviess County, Ky.

Musker V. Wilson, railroader, to Nannie L. Porter, Horton, Ky.

Anah Tiplon, miner, to Catherine Parker, Muhlenburg, Ky.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Oct. 20, 1922.)

Queries

Lois J. Deneke, Route 1, Box 95, Orange, Va., 22960 will correspond and exchange information with anyone about Walter L. Campbell, son of Lindsey Campbell and America (Fleming) Campbell, married June 8, 1900 and Kate Parker, daughter of Martin Monteville Van Buren Parker and Nancy (Fisher) Parker. Other names included Vickers, Bunner or Bonner, Criswell, and Fleming.

Found:

Someone's genealogy research on approximately 11x17 sheets. There are 17 pages and can be claimed at the Spencer County Clerk's Office for the asking and proof of ownership. A few surnames are Abbot, Aders, Adams, Haaff and Sauter.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 30, 1986

Chrisney church to celebrate 100 years

The Chrisney United Methodist Church will celebrate 100 years as a congregation on Nov. 9, 1986, with services starting at 9:30 a.m. and going on into the afternoon.

When the Methodist class (sometimes called ''society'' in the early years) was founded in Chrisney, the town itself was a mere teen-ager; thus, the Methodist Church and the town grew up together.

For the 1885-1886 year, the Methodists of Chrisney were placed on a circuit with Gentryville, Bloomfield, Buffaloville, Baker's Chapel and Pleasant Hill with their first pastor being Thomas Winkler, but there was no church. The following item appeared in The Sun in 1886;

''Chrisney is a 'half a length' ahead of any town its size in southern Indiana. The fair ground, the railroad, The Sun, plenty of good water, good business houses, and 'oodles' of enterprising men, good hotels, a fine school house with good teachers and a nice church. Hold On! That's right, we have no church! We have everything we need but a church. Can we put up our 'shingle' as the 'boss-town' without a church? During the Fair, 30,000 people, during the week took notice that the booming little town of Chrisney had no church building. Will this pay us?''

The Methodists built a frame building on College Hill facing what is now Church Street and it was dedicated in the summer of 1888.

Sept. 1, 1907, during a thunderstorm, a bolt of lightning struck the church belfry and destroyed the church building. A new church building of concrete blocks was built and it was dedicated on Dec. 6, 1908. On March 16, 1941, fire badly damaged this church building but it was saved and through the hard work of the congregation, it was re-dedicated July 27, 1941.

The worst trial for the Methodist congregation come on Oct. 5, 1943, again in the form of fire. The building was completely destroyed. With a world war in progress, all available building materials were needed for the armed forces so hope for early rebuilding seemed dim.

One unique project (among many) for raising money for the new church was undertaken by the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS). It was called the ''Joseph's Coat Project.'' The ladies divided into two groups. Each group had a coat and each group solicited contributions from people far and near. Each contribution was sewn under a brightly colored cloth patch on the respective coats. At the conclusion of the contest, the patches were removed and the money counted was in excess of $1,200. The losing team entertained the winners with dinner and evening of fun.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Ryan offered the lot that had been the site of the earliest Baptist Church for building the new church. The gift was gratefully accepted and the ground was broken for the basement in the spring of 1945. The basement and brick work was completed in November 1946 and the congregation moved into the basement as soon as stoves were installed. In the spring of 1947, the work was focused on the main floor. The general design of the church came from the drawing board of the Rev. Harold Claycamp, minister at the time. The present church was dedicated June 5, 1949.

Many families have come and gone from this church and are invited to be a part of this celebration.

Obituary

A great man has gone back to God. This can be truly said about Charles Babb. He gave his heart to Christ many years ago and was devoted to his church. For many years, while his health remained he served his church in many capacities as a Sunday school superintendent, church trustee and steward. His, will be a great reward. He said he was ready to go and since he could not get well, it was his wish for the Lord to take him to his heavenly home where there would be no sickness.

He was the son of Isaac and Sophia Babb. He was born in Spencer County Jan. 3, 1876, and died Dec. 20, 1943, at the age of 67 years, 11 months and 17 days.

He was united in marriage Feb. 25, 1913 to Mary Willison.

He was a member of Turners Chapel Methodist Church, joining under the pastorate of the Rev. Moore in 1915.

He leaves to mourn his going his companion, two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Smith and Mrs. Margaret Biedenkopf; four grandsons, Corp. Charles Smith, Sergt. J. Allen, Bernard and Junior Smith. Also one great-granddaughter, Carolyn Sue Smith, and one half-brother, William Babb, Bloomington, Ill.

(Taken from a Rockport newspaper clipping.)

Queries

Almarine H. Beau of 1240 Wicklow, St. Boulder, Co., 80303, is seeking information on John S. Lamar. He died in Spencer County in 1920? Please write to her if you have information on this family.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Life of prominent Clay Township citizen reported

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Clay Township Citizen
John Romine

John Romine, born in Harrison County, Ind., settled on a farm that he purchased from Noah Gordon about the year 1825. He married Hannah Gentry, a daughter of James Gentry Sr., grandfather of Capt. Allen Gentry of Rockport.

In addition to the horsemill, he put up a large distillery and operated it for many years. He also cleared up an extensive farm and took quite an interest in stock raising. He always had the best horses and knew just how to feed and care for them.

He had three sons and three daughters and as each grew to manhood and womanhood, Uncle John gave each of them a nice farm. His son, James, was quite a prominent man in Spencer County, having been elected county recorder during the Civil War. Later he was elected clerk of the circuit court and still later, he was elected to the state legislature. His son, Allen, died after reaching manhood. His son, Ben, settled on a farm just east of Lincoln City. He died about 10 years ago leaving a widow. About 15 years ago his son, James, sold his farm and followed his children to the far west, settled on a claim, lived there a few years, died and was brought back to Old Pigeion Cemetery for burial.

One of John Romine's daughters married Sidney Stocking of Rockport, another married Dr. John McKasson of Gentryville. The youngest daughter married Wayne Hevron and now lives on the old homestead. It is proper to say that Uncle John was an active member of Old Pigeon Church until death.

In politics he was a Jackson-Democrat. He was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln and said he was present when Lincoln's mother was buried.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 9, 1916.)

Grandview grads 1915

John R. Biedenkopf, Emma Huser, Beatrice H. Voyles, Lester W. Hagan, Mary White and Ema Titus.

Buried in Friendship Cemetery

Nancy Small, wife of Uncle John H. Small, died at home of Louis Small, July 8, 1885, aged 80 years. Mother of Ben Small. Buried in Friendship Cemetery.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, July 11, 1885.)

Grim Reaper

Mrs. Maggie Long, aged 40 years, 11 months and 11 days, wife of John Long, died at her home in North Rockport last Sunday morning at 5:30 after a long illness. She leaves a husband, eight children, and many friends, three of her children having preceded her to the world beyond. One of her sons, Albert P. Long, is in the United States Navy.

The funeral took place Monday at 2 p.m. from the residence, services conducted by the Rev. J.H. Diehl, after which burial took place in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Jan. 4, 1918.)

Queries

Helen Whetstone of Route 1, Box 171, Clayton, Ind., 46118, is interested in the families: Jones and Stites. She would like to contact interested persons of the William B. Jones family. He was born 1838 in Indiana and married April 17, 1859 to Mary Stites at Rockport. She was born in 1843 or 1844 in Ohio, daughter of John G. Stites and Lucinda. William and Mary's children were born at Grandview. They were Laura (Zinsy), Anna (Johnson), Catherine (Greenwell), Otto James, Shirley M. Page, Margarett (May, William?), Martha (Havener). Was William B. Jones the son of William Jones?

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Spencer County Historical Society to hold open house

Open House

The Spencer County Historical Society invites you to an Open House on Nov. 22. The hours will be 12:30 to 5 p.m. with a drawing at close for the 1879 Spencer County Atlas. You need not be present to win. There will be researchers available to assist you on genealogical problems.

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Will

In the name of God Amen. I, John Morgan, of the County of Spencer and State of Indiana, being sick and weak in body but thanks be to God of deposing mind and memory do constitute and ordain this my last will and testament and allow it to be received by all as such—in the first place it is my will and desire that my body be intered in a Christian-like manner and after my just debts are paid I do hereby will and dispose of my estate in the following manner(viz):

I give to my beloved wife, Mary Morgan, the use and disposal of all my personal property and I also allow her one-third part of the rents and profits arriving from my real estate during her natural life charging her with raising and schooling the children as to my real estate I allow my children (viz) William Ewing Morgan, James Thomas Morgan, John Garrett Morgan, David Hart Morgan and Mary Emily Morgan to have it by an equal division as they respectively arrive at mature age.

I also allow my wife, Mary Morgan, her choice of any house or improved land belonging to my estate to live in during her natural life and do hereby revoke and disannull all former wills in my name ratifying and confirming this my last will and testament and do hereby appoint William Ewing for Executor and Mary Morgan Executrix of the same.

John Morgan.

Witness
William Stark
Jacob Oskins

(Feb. 17, 1825, recorded April 15, 1925, John Pitcher, Clerk.)

Death in Richland

Myrtle Herron, who has long been suffering, has passed to a better land. She was born March 11, 1887, died Dec. 23, 1909, age nearly 23 years. One of the neighbors said "We will have a White Christmas" and Myrtle added, "And I will be a white angel, too." She called all to her bedside, kissed them goodbye and told them to meet her in Heaven.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 7, 1910.)

Class of 1917
Chrisney

Carrol Atkinson, Beatrice Cohoon, Merle Lenman, Ruth May, William Painter, Ralph Ryan, Erosia Shrode, Erlus Smith, Vena Wallace.

Death

David W. Ellis was born in Rockport, Feb. 22, 1843, and died at the age of 74 years. He was a member of the 1st Indiana Cavalry.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 7, 1897.)

Cupid

The wife of Rev. S. Hobson is on the sick list. Died: Mrs. Belle Shoptaugh, wife of Don Shoptaugh, and daughter of Atwell Motgan. The family have the sympathy of all their friends.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mt. Zion U.B. Church Saturday night, August 11, given by the members. The proceeds are to be paid to the pastor, S. Hobson. Please turn out, good people, and help them.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888. The Indiana Pocket is published every Saturday, John Chewning is editor and publisher, the Republican ticket for president, Benjamin Harrison of Indiana.)

Wedding anniversary

General Veach and wife celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary, Tuesday, at Rockport. The General is now 74 years old.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, June 1, 1894.)

Soldier Update

These names should have been included in the Memorial Day listing of deceased Spencer County war veterans:

Huff Townshp--J.M. Anderson, George Seay.

Jackson Township--Roy Priest, Harvey Davidson.

Ohio Township--Harry Rowan Jr., George S. Cooper, Henry Clay Thomas.

Hammond Township--J.P. Johnson, James B. Ayer, Wallace J. Foertsch, Elbert W. Cronin, Virgil Hinton.

Queries

Betty Brasel of 300 Fairway Drive in Evansville, IN, 47710 (phone: 422-2529) is trying to locate any photographs of Enterprise, Ind., in olden days. She is willing to pay for copy and mailing or will pick up and return after making copies.

Gertrude Hammons of 5405 300th St. N.W., Stanwood, Wa., 98292 would like to hear from ancestors of the following: Harter, Tuley, Oskins, Powell, Romine, Stites, Alexander, Hagen, Gentry, Davis, Hornbeck (Hornback), Anderson, Keas (Keys).

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Woman has missing husband in 1888

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Missing husband

A certain married lady living not a thousand miles from here, sat up until 12 o'clock one night waiting for her husband to come home from lodge. At last weary and worn out from her long waiting, she went to her sleeping room to retire, and there found the missing husband sound asleep. Instead of going to lodge he had gone to his room and had never left the house. Such are the troubles some poor married women have to contend with in this life.

The celebration at Lamar Saturday was a very pleasant affair. The music and speaking were excellent. A finer oration than the one delivered by Hon. F.B. Posey is seldom heard. It was eloquent, logical and brim full of patriotism. Appropriate speeches were also made by Co. J.S. Wright and Messrs. J.A. Hemenway and J.D. Armstrong.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 28, 1888.)

Marriage

Mr. John F. Heinzle and Miss Kate Nester were married Sunday, July 8, at the home of the bride's parents, John Nester, by the Rev. Seybold.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, July 20, 1894.)

Obituary

Robert Willison, son of Thomas and Tellie Fleuger Willison, was born July 3, 1858, in Spencer County, Indiana. In this community he spent his entire life, farming and working on the farm.

He was united in marriage to Millie Abbott in 1878; and to this union were born the following children: Mrs. Katie Sibrel of Chrisney, Mrs. Mary Babb of Grandview, Mrs. Octavia Brown of Newtonville, Allen Willison of Indianapolis, Flora who died in infancy, Mrs. Ruth Rodney of Lamar and Drulis Clemens of Grandview.

Early in life he joined the M.E. Church, in which faith he remained throughout his life. He departed this life May 16, 1933, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Drulis Clemens, after an illness of three days, age 74 years, 10 months and 13 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure the above named children, except the one who died in infancy, a number of grandchildren and other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Rogers, May 18, 1933, at the Methodist church at Newtonville and the burial was in the New Hope Baptist graveyard.

(Taken from a Rockport Journal clipping.)

Stryker's Landing Cemetery

Located in Ohio Township nearly destroyed and very hard to read. Could be errors according to 1850 census below.

Stryker, Abraham, March 26, 1788, Dec. 1, 1851.

Stryker, Nov. 3, 1797, Dec. 15, 1850.

Stryker, Americus, April 17, 1872 (21y9m12d).

Stryker, Sally (d/o Europeas and Susannah), Nov. 25, 1847 (21y20d).

Emily (nothing else)

Footstones S.A.S. Z.S.

1850 census Ohio Township, Spencer County, Indiana:

Stryker, Abraham, 62, farmer, NJ; Mary, 59, NJ; Europe, wood merchant, In; Americus, 24, In; Salvina, 20, In.; Susan, 20, In.; Emily S., 3 mon, In.; Decker, Jane, 10, Ky.

Additional information on cemetery welcomed by the Historical Society.

Mr. Branham dies

Mr. H.C. Branham died at his residence in Rockport Saturday evening. He leaves a wife, and four children, the eldest being Mr. Artie Branham, the eldest daughter, Miss Minnie. The remains were interred in Rockport Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

(Taken from Evansville Courier, Nov. 25, 1880.)

Gentryville teachers

Several of the young ladies attended the regular examination at Rockport last Saturday: Miss Alice Grigsby, Matt Williams, and Belle and Emma Walker being among the number.

(Taken from Weekly Gazette, June 3, 1880.)

Queries

Margaret Schertzinger, 2138 Old Cabin Road, Owensboro, Ky., 42301, wants to know why William Henry Cox is buried in Brady Cemetery on the Parsley farm.

Did Charles Schertzinger (1849-1905) and Mary Jane Billings have any children?

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Dr. Woodward performs delicate surgery

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Amputation

Mr. Sylvester Frambes of Grass Township had his arm drawn into a cane mill last week while he was feeding it, and crushed in the most terrible manner. Dr. Woodward of Tippecanoe was at once called in and it was found that the strain had torn the shoulder from its sockets, breaking the muscles and tendons that held it in its place.

Dr. Woodward summoned Drs. Gwaltney and Peregin to assist him in treating the patient, and it was decided that, in order to save his life, amputation must be performed by severing the wounded arm at the shoulder joint. This was a dangerous and difficult operation and one requiring the greatest skill and coolness, but it was successfully performed, and at last accounts Mr. Frambes was supposed to be almost beyond danger.

This is one of the most delicate operations in this county and great credit is due to Dr. Woodward and the gentlemen who assisted him, for the successful manner in which it was done.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, Nov. 6, 1872.)

George Enghof dies

George Enghof, aged 87 years, died at his home near Grandview, Sunday, March 16. Mr. Enghof was a veteran of the Civil War and was a lifelong resident of this vicinity.

He leaves a wife, two sons, Charles and George, and one brother, Bartley Inco of Evansville.

Funeral services were held Wednesday conducted by the Rev. W.T. Medcalf, with interment at Fairview Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 2, 1924.)

Twenty Years Ago [July 14, 1902]

Esther J., the year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.L. Hammond, died.

Mrs. Mary Wibking died at the home of her father near Lincoln City.

Vitus W. Killian was buried at the Catholic Cemetery near Gentryville. He was killed from a gunshot at Havna, N. Dakota.

Real Estate Transfers

David Woods to Ira Brosheears, 40 acres.

J.M. Richardson to W.H. Thomas, lot.

Sheriff to Frank Roth, two lots.

Spencer County woman dies

Nancy A. Oskins was born April 13, 1848 in Spencer County and died Feb. 11, 1912. She was married to Benjamin F. Stephens, April 1, 1845. Their children were one boy and four girls. The boy died in infancy. The four daughters survive.

Funeral was conducted in Pigeon Township. Burial was in Twin Cemetery. The deceased was the mother of Caleb J. Lindsey of this place.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Feb. 23, 1912.)

Marriages

Marriage Licenses:

L.S. Hesson to Effie Linville; Charles Hall to Mary P. McDaniel; Mr. A.W. Morgan of Chickasaw Indian Territory, and Miss Lena M. Stuart, formerly of Eureka, were married at Fort Worth, Texas.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 5, 1903.)

Queries

Claudette M. Ittner of Route 1 Box 80-A, Noel, Mo., 64852, wants to know about James McDaniel Jr born Sept. 30, 1765. Where was he born? He died Sept 29, 1847 and is buried in McDaniel's Cemetery near Troy. He was married to Orpha Bowie. Where and when? Children of this marriage, his second, were Aletha, Orpha, Michal and Stephen born Jan. 8, 1792, and Appacelia born in 1800. She would like any information or clues concerning James Jr. and his father, James McDaniel Sr., who died in the spring of 1817 near Troy. Later generations of this family lived at Maxville and Dale.

Does anyone have a photo of the Mt. Moriah Church in Hammond Township in Spencer County? The Spencer County Historical Society would like to copy and return. Does anyone know about the burial of Charlie Bays near the church? His marker has disappeared and the society would like birth and death dates. Contact the Spencer County Historical Society or Sharon Patmore at 362-7268.

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Coffin left after election riot in 1875

Voting in Spencer County

Some one must have contemplated coming death at the election riot on Monday. A coffin was found in the alley beside Roetzel's saloon yesterday morning. One man declares his willingness to "cusify" that he saw two men bring a sick voter in that kind of a vehicle and when the riot occurred they dropped and run, and the corpse followed their example and fled, leaving the coffin behind.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 5, 1875.)

A horrible accident

A horrible accident occurred on Corn Island just a few miles above town last Saturday night. A young man from Newtonville by the name of Shimer was delivering clapboards at James' Landing for further transportation. He had just driven his wagon to the landing ready for unloading when it upset and dumped the whole load of clapboards on Shimer resulting in instant death. His body was horribly mangled. He was not married.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, July 22, 1880.)

People

John Biedenkopf, one of the enterprising citizens of Grandview, was in town Sunday.

Phillip Eigenman is praying for colder weather. He wants to put up several tons of ice.

We regret to learn of the serious illness of Hon. T.F. DeBruler.

The venerable John Stevenson, who has been confined to his home some time, is improving.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, March 10, 1881.)

Coal mine accident

Joseph Malter, aged 18 years, lost his life last week in a coal mine explosion, at Dale, in Spencer County, In.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Aug. 3, 1894.)

Will probated

The will of James W. Ladd of Dale was filed for probate Monday, July 3. All his property of every kind is willed to his wife, Mary B. Ladd, and the court is asked to permit her to serve as administratrix without bond. His wife is to pay all debts and funeral expenses, and she is to give to their daughter, Gussie Hostetter, $800. The son, Eugene Ladd, has received his share of the estate.

Mrs. Ladd is to give to their son, Charles Ladd, and daughter, Anita Ladd Briggs, whatever sum she deems proper. The will was dated March 3, 1921 and was witnessed by J.T. Wallace and A.J. Wedeking.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 7, 1922.)

Fainting father

One day last week while David Walters, who, as he usually is, was busily at work this time mowing weeds his attention was attracted by seeing several old like women coming across the field to where he was at work acting rather peculiarly but he was so busily engaged with his work, that he did not give it much thought until he noticed one had a rattle-box, one a whistle, one a gum ring, one was drawing a small wagon and one carried a bottle of paregoric. Them he began to tremble and when they announced to him that Dr. J.C. Jolly was at his house and there was a fine bouncing boy baby there and he was actually pap, he fainted.

As he was being carried away by loving hands he was heard occasionally to murmur "pap" and "what is home without a baby" and such like, but he has since revived and will likely recover sufficiently to withstand several more such shocks.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 5, 1904.)

Lizzie Bradley dies

Pleasant Hill item--Miss Lizzie Bradley, daughter of Jas. Bradley, formerly of Spencer County, after an illness of about 48 hours, died Tuesday, the 11th. Her funeral was at Pigeon, in Spencer County, the 12th. The Rev. Cosby conducting the services.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Nov. 27, 1879.)

Queries

Do you know of a Winchel Cemetery in Spencer County? A young man from Nebraska is asking for help on locating this cemetery. If it exists, the Spencer County Historical Society needs to know the location also for reading and publication of the new cemetery book. Let us know and we'll forward the information to Nebraska.

Wrsite Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, or Sharon Patmore, Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind., 47611.

Margaret Goddard, 1305 West Sixth, Webb City, Mo., 64870, wants to know where George Vail Davis is buried. His first wife was Perlina Baldwin; his second wife is Phoeba? Children are Sidney A., William H., Viola Jane, Benton, George W. and John. He lived in Spencer County in the 1850s and 1860s.

Mrs. John R. Ward would like to contact any descendants of the Homer M. Frank and Jane Winkler Frank family. They had a son named Arthur Milton Frank who married a Maggie P. Bryant. Mail responses to Mrs. John R. Ward, Box 212 Vittitow Lane, Boston, Ky., 40107.

Thanks to all came to the Spencer County Historical Society's open house Nov. 22. Winner of the atlas was Melissa Brown.

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Kin reunited after 28 years

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Reunited after 28 years

James E. Chinn, visited his daughter, Mrs. Julia E. Graves, at Henderson, Ky., last week. whom he had not seen for 28 years. His daughter had a picture of him, in his soldier's uniform, and by this the thought came to her to write to the Pension department and if a pensioner, and alive, she had a chance of once more seeing her father.

The department answered at once, giving her the desired information, and on Decoration Day last, Mr. Chinn received her letter. He was greatly surprised and shocked, when he saw the letter was from his daughter, whom he had not seen since childhood, although separated by a distance of only a few miles.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, July 20, 1894.)

Arrested

James Barnett, formerly of here, and married a Miss Nancy Kemp, of this neighborhood, was arrested by Marshall Thacker of Huntingburg, at the home of Lewis Kemp, 3 miles north of Dale, and later turned him over the officers in Kentucky, to be taken to his home in Hawesville, on a charge of murder.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Aug. 3, 1894.)

Historical collector shares paper

Joseph Forsythe Jr. is an enthusiastic collector of historical relics and geological specimens, and a few days ago he loaned us a copy of the first issue of The Monitor. It was yellow with age and the places where the sheet was folded were almost gone, but it was an interesting article to behold nevertheless. It was dated May 25, 1867, and was published by Tinsley & Stoops. Editorially it said, "The Proprietors of the Grandview Weekly Monitor, feeling that such an enterprise should be established here, have determined to make a bold and honorable effort to present the citizens with a paper worth of their patronage. No labor or expense shall be spared in making The Monitor a welcome messenger in every household.

The Monitor will be devoted to education, good morals and enterprise." Among the six items of local news we find, "Our friend Wheatly has rented the Turner shop and is doing a fine business and giving general satisfaction in the way of blacksmith business...The steamer Darling put off at our wharf last Tuesday evening, 13 tons of goods for Grandview, Gentryville and Dale. We noticed large lots of tobacco coming in daily from the interior towns for shipment south and east."

(Taken from The Monitor, Sept. 12, 1918.)

Will

The will of Giles Newton, who died at Lake Mills a couple of weeks ago, was probated Tuesday. But its items John S. Pattie is appointed executor purchase out of the funds of the estate a suitable tombstone for his grave, not to exceed $25 in cost.

To the deceased's son, Otha Newton, and grandson, Romulus Newton (son of Remus Newton), in equal shares all the property after debts and expenses are deducted, is to be given.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 12, 1904.)

Centerville death

Died, at his residence one-fourth of a mile east of here, on the 18th inst., Phillip Hoch Sr., aged about 73 years. Mr. Hoch was a former resident of Ohio, having arrived there from Germany while quite young. He has been a resident of this vicinity for many years and was a member of the German Methodist Church of which he has proven to be a faithful follower. He was a man noted for his pious walk, frughlity, honesty, punctuality and numerous other good traits of character.

His funeral took place on the 19th. He leaves a wife and eight children, most of whom are grown, with his many friends, to mourn his sudden departure.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, July 22, 1880.)

Queries

Almarine Beu, 1240 Wicklow St., Boulder, Colo., 80303, sends a correction of date on John S. Lamar. It should be that he died May 26, 1839. She would like to contact descendants of Tolitha Lamar Ferguson, Trustin W. Lamar, Samuel S. Lamar and Almarine Lamar Minor.

Donna Windrix of 829 Willow Crk Cir., Purcell, Okla., 73080, wants to know if anyone knows of William Albert Murry and Lena(?). She thinks they married here in 1899-1904.

St. John's Celebrates Centennial 4 Years Ago

Evanston, Indiana

(The following information is taken from the historical sketch compiled on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church at Evanston, Indiana in 1950).

The exact time when missionary activities began in this vicinity is not definitely known. This is due, perhaps, to the fact that records were not kept or in time were lost. However, records have been found to show that some of our early fathers were active here already in the fall of 1841. The following were among the first to settle here: George Puertzer, George Merta, Johann Merta, Johann Foerster, Johann Fuch, Johann Braum, George Grossman, Johann Schmidt, Johann Huebsch, Johann Hering, Peter Doring, Frederick Engelbrecht, George Ries, Johann Huebschmann, Martin Leistner, Johann Ries, Fredrich Vogel, Johann Polster. Some of these came with their families.

According to old records, a certain candidate, Fr. Jungck, of Indianapolis Synod, began activities in this vicinity as early as 1842. He lacked the necessary training for the ministry but he acquired some of the essentials of his pastoral duties as time went on. Evidently, he labored here about eight years, During these years, more imigrants from Bavaria settled here, so that the work of the church became rather difficult for Fr. Jungck. He applied to the Rev. Fr. Eppling, assistant pastor of a church in Cincinnati, Ohio, to accept a call to St. John. Jungck decided to enter the Theological Seminary at Fort Wayne, Ind., which was founded by Dr. W. Sihler and F. W. Wyneken in 1846.

From the deed on record in the Spencer county court house, a piece of ground was sold on the 24th of January 1846 by George Puertzer and Ann Elizabeth Puertzer to John Braun and George Grossman, trustees of St. John's Lutheran church in Spencer county for the sum of $54.

A call to the Rev. Fr. Eppling was dated Sept. 23, 1851 and pastor Eppling wrote, "I began my ministry with great joy". The church council at that time was George Vogel and Johann Huebsch.

Although St. John's congregation had its beginning as early as 1842, it was not until June 1850 that a seperate constitution for the German Evangelical Lutheran church was adopted. It is for this reason that the organization of St. John's is figured from this date. The original constitution cannot be found but Pastor Eppling referred to it when it was revised in 1854. Charter members were Johann Huebschmann, Johann Ries, Johann Braun, Johann Schmidt, Johann Huebsch, Johann Merta, Johann Fuchs, Johann Heting, George Grossman, Johann Lautner, Johann Foerster, Johann Gebhardt, George Vogel, George Ries, George Mann, George Voit, George Boehm, George Merta, Jobst Scherzer, Friedrich Vogel, Friedrich Dauer, Friedrich Engelbrecht, Andreas Ziegler, Christoph Feller, Martin Leistner, Adam Weigel, Andreas Lippert, Johann Heckel, Konrad Baer, Nicholas Puertzer, Johann Polster, Lorenz Meir and Stephan Vogel.

The first church was in its interior and exterior, a rude log building. The first improvement of the building after Pastor Eppling arrived was to build an arched ceiling. John Braun and George Ries did the work. Also, altar linens, a crucifix and candlesticks were furnished and now the interior resembled somewhat a church they were used to. This was all completed before Pastor Eppling preached his inaugural sermon and in which service he also administered his first communion.

There were no church benches but before the year ended regular benches had been made. The church had but one small door and at this time this was changed so that the church now had two regular entrance doors. A bier was made for carrying the dead to the grave. A shroud was purchased later.

It was probably in 1844 that the church fathers built a christian day school because they realized the importance of teaching and bringing up the children in the church. The day school also served as the parsonage.

In 1853, St. John's joined the Missouri Synod and in 1858 Pastor Eppling accepted a call to St. James church in Dubois county.

It was also in 1853 that a parsonage was erected and a fence was built around the property.

The church still needed a steeple and a bell "to make the people feel at home in a strange land.' Soon they collected $210 and a bell was dedicated in Jan. 1854. Not long afterwards there was a steeple.

After Pastor Eppling there followed Rev. Fr. Koestering, Rev F. W. Scholz, Rev. L. Detzer, Rev. J. Scaefer, Rev. E. Mahlberg, Rev. C. W. Koch, Rev. C. F. G. Koch, Rev. Heinicke, Rev. Otto Hanser, Rev. W. Zabel, Rev. F. Breuer, Rev. C. Streater, Rev. W. Hartmann, Rev. W. Brauer, Rev. E. Werfelmann, Rev. Otto Mueller, and Rev. E. B. Allwardt, the present pastor.

It was in May 1873 that St. John's decided to build a new house of worship, the old log church having served its purpose. The building was to be 60' x 30' x 18' and with a respectable steeple. Quite an argument arose whether or not to place a cross on the steeple. A rooster then adorned the steeple for a long time.

Gradually the church property was improved and in 1883 it was resolved to build a new school beside the church. In May 1889, the congregation purchased a reed organ which was replaced in August 1892 with a pipe organ at a cost of $525. Pastor Koch was an organist and did much to improve the congregational singing.

A Young People's Society was organized in May 1893 and a Ladies' Aid in 1903.

The new school was dedicated to the service of the Triune God in October 1905.

During World War I, the language question became acute and the congregation decided to teach English in the school and to hold an English service once a month.

In 1924, the church celebrated the diamond jubilee of its founding and the 50th anniversary of the new church. In 1931, Pastor Zabel organized the Sunday School.

In Sept. 1943, it was decided to remodel the church and there followed a complete remodeling program and the addition of a basement and furnace. The old windows were also replaced by beautiful art glass-stained windows.

The house of worship as it stands today was dedicated on May 27, 1945 and on June 18, 1950 St. John's members celebrated their centennial anniversary with the installation of their new pastor, Rev. Allwardt, at the afternoon service and a pageant in the evening. Dr. John F. Stach, of Concordia College in Ft. Wayne, gave the centennial sermon at the morning service, Rev. Allwardt was guest liturgist and Theodore Koch of Woodburn was guest organist.

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Double wedding dubbed ‘romantic affair’

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Double wedding

At the homes of Jesse Pope, two miles north of Friendship, Monday evening Mr. George Parker was married to Miss Ollie Ely and Mr. David Parker to Miss Jessie Pope, by Elder Jacobs.

The marriage of Mr. Parker and Miss Ely is rather a romantic affair. Before the death of Mrs. Parker, which occurred last May, Miss Ely made her home there but of late has been living at Mr. Pope's. Mr. Parker is 42 years old and is a grandfather while his bride is ''sweet sixteen.''

A grand supper was spread and all had a very pleasant time. Many good wishes for happiness and prosperity were showered upon the happy couples.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 13, 1899.)

Death of Orvis I. Chase

Died at his home, near Bloomfield, Spencer Co., Wednesday morning the 10th inst., of typhoid pneumonia, aged 56 years. He was well known in this community, his wife who survived him, being the daughter of Mrs. Celina Day.

Mr. Chase was the father of nine children, now living and grown, and all girls, except one. He was the father-in-law of M.S.D. Davis of this place.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, Jan. 13, 1883.)

Flowers on Adam's tomb

A Princeton woman, who is going abroad this summer, will visit the tomb of Adam if she can find it. She wants to place a flower upon the grave of a man who followed the advise of his wife.

(Taken from Evansville paper, June 25, 1897.)

Spencer Circuit Court

Judge Niblack presided over Spencer Circuit Court. Attornies in attendance were Ballard Smith, David T. Laird, John T. Pitcher, L.Q. DeBruler, Thomas F. DeBruler, James C. Veatch, Thomas J. Langdon, Jno. Atkinson, R.S. Hicks and Luman S. Gilkey. Gilkey was admitted to practice law at this session.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 15, 1856.)

Mamie Conner dies

Last Friday morning, Mrs. Mamie Conner, wife of Lawrence Conner living about 2½ miles north of here (Lamar), died after a long illness of consumption at the age of 19 years. The remains were intered at Mt. Zion Cemetery Saturday, Elder Woods officated. The deceased leaves a husband and one child about 2 years old to mourn her untimely departure. We extend our sympathies to the bereaved.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 11, 1904.)

Ferdinand news

Word was received here that Mrs. Anton Brockmann was bitten by a copperhead snake last Monday. Mrs. Brockmann lives a short distance back of St. Meinrad. She has been to town to do some shopping and was returning home when she stepped on the snake, which immediately bit her on the leg about five inches above the ankle. She is reported to be in a critical condition.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 21, 1906.)

Deer hunt

Jan. 12, 1884, the Arkansas hunters, have not been heard from...out five weeks.

Jan. 19, 1884, the hunter's return: Messrs. Jacob and August Becker, W.H. Allen of Boonville and the Davises of Spencer County returned home last Saturday morning, from their five-week hunt in Arkansas, and Missouri, bring 11 deers as the trophies of their sport.

The ''deer lunch'' at Becker's Hotel, Wednesday night, was enjoyed to the fullest extent, and the landlord was propactionately proud of the fact that the game was slain by his own hands.

He died at his father's home in Anderson Township on Thursday, Jan. 31, 1884.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, January 1884.)

Pray for soldiers

Beginning yesterday at 12:30, the people of Dale began the daily three-minute silent prayer for our soldier boys. As the whistle blows, let every Christian respond with an earnest prayer. It will pay.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Sept. 4, 1918.)

Queries

Claudette M. Ittner of Route 1, Box 80-A, Noel, Mo., 64854, is seeking information about Peter Brooner, b. ca 1786 in PA, m(1) March 22, 1804 to Nancy Rusher. These Brooners were neighbors of the Lincolns and Mrs. Brooner is buried next to Mrs. Lincoln. She is seeking more infinite information about Peter's birth and any information about his parents. Peter's father, John Brooner, supposedly was born in Germany and came to America in the 1770s.

Ken Harris of 11850 Jordan Road, Fountain, Calif., 80817, is looking for Bible records, family histories and correspondence with Harris families of Spencer County. He is trying to separate the Harrises of our county.

The Spencer County Historical Society met Dec. 2 in the basement of the Rockport-Ohio Township Public Library. President Sharon Patmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved, membership update is 112. The treasurer reported the Vanderburgh and Pike County books have been purchased, also the 1830 Census of Ohio. The new light has been put up over the work tables.

The town of Gentryville has cleaned the Christian Cemetery and Naomi Kaiser is hoping a fence can be put up. It was suggested the larger stone with all names be put in the Garden of Memory by the flagpole and the smaller one in the corner of Christian Cemetery. It will cost about $200 for the inscription. Duane Walter and Steve Sisley are keeping in touch with Frank Crews on this project.

Motions were passed to pay some to Kris Manley to defray costs of typing ribbon, purchase a coat rack and for Duane to sell some of the Histories and Atlas books at Hatfield during their three-day celebration.

The cemetery books are ready to be printed and there was discussion on how to divide them up according to townships, etc., with a map of Spencer County in the front.

The next meeting of the Spencer County Historical Society will be Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Woman clubs husband in saloon

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Clubbed her hubby

A woman created a little sensation at one of the saloons Saturday night. She went there in search of her truant husband, whom she found and proceeded to give him a beating with a club she brought along with her. The woman then had the barkeeper fix her up a drink and in the presence of her husband and to his mortification she drank it leisurely, after which she started home with the "old man" in tow.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 26, 1897.)

Chrisney births

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore, High Street, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Cissna, 1½ miles southwest of town, boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Beasley, 1½ miles southeast of town, boy. (All on Jan. 5.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Patmore, 2½ miles northeast of town, girl, Jan. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barton Jr., 1½ miles southwest of town, girl, Jan. 8.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1899.)

Death

Benjamin Romine, who resided near Lincoln City, and who was so well known throughout our county, died of pneumonia last Monday, at about 9 o'clock a.m. He was the son of John and Hannah Romine, and was born March 4, 1841, being 59 years old at death.

He lived all his life in Clay Township, Spencer County, and was married to Miss Mary Hevron, who is also of a well known family of Spencer County. He was a farmer of unusual thrift, and took a great pride in progressive farming in every phrase. He was of a kind and jovial disposition, and was loved by all who knew him.

He leaves a mother, wife, brother and three sisters. His remains were interred in the Old Pigeon Cemetery last Tuesday afternoon. A very large number of people attended the burying among whom were quite a number from Rockport and the vicinity.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 20, 1900.)

Winchell Cemetery

Edward Winchell, one of the well known citizens of Spencer County, died Monday afternoon at the home of his son, J.W., on the Hatfield Road west of here, at the advanced age of 81 years, 7 months and 28 days. Funeral services conducted by the Rev. J.F. Winchell, a nephew of Tobinsport, were held Wednesday and interment was made in a family burying ground on the farm.

Mr. Winchell was a Mason and member of the Baptist church. He had lived in this county ever since 1856 with the exception of a few years spent in the West. Five sons and three daughters are left: H.T., Nirum, J.W., Frank, James, Mrs. James Rasor, Mrs. John Richards and Mrs. Sina Horn.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 31, 1906.) See query below.

Marriages

Parem Pool to Susan Johnson, Henry Kramer to Catherine Bretz, William H. Bise to Luella Curnal, Charles McVey to Pyralette Woodward, Louis Hill to Sarah J. Cross, Henrich Jacoby to Ann Speckner, Thomas Bassett to Elizabeth Boyd, James P. Haynes to Phoeba A. Medcalf, E. Lanham to Mary F. Parr, George Frothman to E. Andes, John Encoe to Mary E. Hopkins, Newton Perkins to Nancy Douglass, William H. Purdy to Jane Hendrickson, Charles Hawkins to Ann R. Abshire and William H. Protsman to Mary F. Huff.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, Dec. 4, 1872.)

Family reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Maas had a family reunion at their home in this city on July 4. All the children and great-grandchildren were present, numbering 28. A big dinner was served and time spent in a social way with music and singing.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 8, 1904.)

Birth

Little Pigeon News: Born to Windel Patmore and wife, a bouncing baby boy. The boy is doing well and Windel is all smiles.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 7, 1906.)

Queries

Kieth Buss, 503 Lake Ave., Gottienburg, Neb., wants to hear from ancestors of Edward Winchell, Spencer County. He also needs an old photograph of Edward for a new historical book on the Winchell family that moved to Gottienburg, Neb. Please help out on his family as the Historical Society would like to locate the family graveyard also.

Betty J. Brown, Route 27, Box 206, Terre Haute, IN, 47802, is tracing the following: John Brady b 1805, came to Spencer County from Georgia with parents, John Brady and a Blankenship. The Rev. David Elkins, an ancestor, preached at Nancy Lincoln's funeral.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Man reported dead makes appearance

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Living Corpse

Mr. Clarence Bennett, whom that treacherous return letter reported dead at Santiago, put in his appearance here Sunday and was about the healthiest looking corpse we have seen in many a day. Clarence's regiment, the 16th US Infantry, left Montauk Point, N.Y., last week for Huntsville, Alabama. When the regiment reached Louisville he was granted a few days furlough to come home and visit the folks. His regiment will probably be sent to Cuba or Porto Rico in a short time.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 8, 1898.)

The Watch Meeting at Fairview

The little church at Fairview was crowded to the door,

Until there wasn't room enough for nary a person more.

They came on foot an' hoss back from the country round about

To watch the New Year comin' in the ol' year going' out.

As soon as order was secured an' all had got a seat

Brother Walters started up a song that sounded mighty sweet;

An' after that the preacher rose an' read a full account

Of how the master gave the world the Sermon on the Mount.

An' nen with Brother Brown we all knelt down in earnest prayer

Which made us feel how good it is to be a meetin' there.

An' nen another song was sung-an' how the tune did rise!

''When I can read my title dear to mansions in the skies.''

The preacher talked awhile, an' nen he said he'd like to hear

Jes' what the Lord had done for each one durin' the past year.

The first to rise was Sister Bence, who said-through fallin' tears-

She felt like shoutin' halleluiah for a thousan' years.

Amen! Amen! Amen! came ringing down the aisle,

Until you could have heard us say it fer a half a mile;

''Salvation full and fee,''

An' ''Amazin' grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.''

An' nen ol' Brother Grigsby rose away back by the door-

He'd been a soldier of the Lord fer fifty years or more

His hair, was white- his limbs were weak- God bless his good ol' soul!

He said his on the river where the surges cease to roll.

An' nen ol' Brother Jeffrey rose an said- a speakin' low-

It wouldn't be but few more days till he'd be called to go;

''But friends,'' he said, ''when life is done and all our toil is o'er,

I hope we'll meet in heaven where we'll never part no more.''

A number of the sisters talked an' some they led in prayer-

They washed the Saviours feet with tears an' wiped 'em with their hair.

An' so we talked an' so we sung almost the whole night through,

Till we clear forgot the ol' year, an' almost forgot the new.

By: Francis Anson Evans

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 6, 1899.)

Marriages

Rueben Nolan to Bathsheba Rupp, John Hagan to Elizabeth Martin, Joel S. Tillman to Margaret Hammond, Daniel F. Wood to Susannah Bufkin.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 7, 1855.)

Train hits man

A special train on the Rockport branch struck and seriously wounded John Ellis near Chrisney on Wednesday afternoon. He was walking on the track and did not hear the appoaching train. Mr. Ellis received severe injuries in the back and several of his ribs were broken. He is an old man and the accident will probably prove fatal.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Jan. 27, 1899.)

Daniel Goble dies

Daniel Goble, aged about 79 years and 6 months died at the residence of his son, Dr. D.S. Goble on Spring Street, last Sunday evening at 6:00 of paralysis and was buried in Mt. Gilead Cemetery, Perry County, Wednesday. The Rev. William Gamon of Chrisney conducted the services.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 12, 1901.)

Queries

Cynthia S. Becker of 2202 Tesla Drive, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80909, while cleaning out a trunk, discovered an old photo album that she bought 15-20 years ago in Evansville, Ind. There were photos taken around the turn of the century in Evansville. The names noted are Solon Hutchinson and Anna Wessic, Will and Nellie (Phelps) Wessic. Two pictures are labelled on the back—one is ''Uncle John, age 6 years and 6 months'' and the other (taken at Fort Branch, Ind.) is ''Anna Powell and James Alexander Powell.

She will be happy to send the photos to anyone who feels this is their family for the cost of postage.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Clay Township man killed in affray

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A sad tragedy

Stewart Lamar, of Clay Township, killed in an affray with a neighbor.

Stewart Lamar, a well known citizen of Clay Township, was killed in an affray with H.L. Powers, at Buffalo last Saturday evening. The particulars as we learn from two or three parties are about these: Lamar and Powers had a difficulty about some meadow lands. Angry words led to blows, and during the melee, Powers was knocked down, when Lamar started to jump on him, Powers threw up both legs as a guard striking Lamar in the left side. The two were then parted, Lamar going off and taking a seat. He hadn't been seated but a few minutes when he fell dead. An examination showed that two ribs were broken and internal injuries sustained. The sad event is greatly deplored by the people of Buffalo.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, Oct. 14, 1880.)

Marriage at Little Pigeon

Married, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purviance Sunday, Dec. 24, 1905, Mr. Forrest Hearn to Miss Ida Purviance, by the Rev. Herrell, of Chrisney.

The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hearn and is a well respected young man. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Purviance and has many friends. May joy and peace be theirs through life is the wish of their friends.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 29, 1905.)

Old pioneer dies

Richard Thurman, one of the pioneers of Spencer County and one of her most valued citizens, died, at his home near Rockport, on Sunday, Nov. 4, 1883. He was a member of the M.E. Church, also a member of the Masonic Lodge of Rockport. He was buried by the Grandview and Rockport Masonic Lodges in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Nov. 17, 1883.)

New arrivals

Ben Godshaw is the happy papa of a brand new baby girl.

John Fehrer is happier than if he had heard of the arrival of a dozen drummers over the arrival of a girl baby at his house last week.

(Taken from Weekly Gazette, Dec. 16, 1880.)

Relic found in 1897

Claude Luckado showed us quite an interesting relic last Saturday—a book written by Elizabeth Rowe in 1737 and published in England in 1794. The title is "Devout Exercises of the Heart." Mr. Luckado says it was found in tearing down an old frame house in Luce Township, built by his grandfather, David Harker, in 1827, one of the first, if not the first, frame house built in that township. The space between the weather boarding and ceiling was filled with brick wall, and the book was found between two bricks in this wall. It has wooden covers and is still in readable condition.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 18, 1897.)

Coroner's Inquest

Held by John W. Lamar, a Justus of the Peace in and for the County of Spencer, State of Indiana, over the dead body of one John Lamar, about 10 or 11 years old, a son of Samuel E. Lamar, of Jackson Township. The following named personal were summoned and swore to wit: Stephen Kuhn, James Chatman, John E. Wright, M.A. Hesson, G.W. Tompson, Jesse Pieres, B. Davis, John Fahy, David McCollough, William H. Wright, Riley Pitman, Elijah McCoy. Verdict of the jury: The said John Lamar met with his death by a fall from a tree and fracturing his skull on a snag, Oct. 12, 1861.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 9, 1861.)

Teacher visits

Miss Lydia Hall, a teacher in our public schools, returned last night by the Grey Eagle, from a Christmas visit to relatives at Evansville.

(Taken from The Daily Hornet, Dec. 28, 1877.)

Death

The estimable wife of Frank Alley died this morning after many months of severe suffering. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved family.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Dec. 22, 1883.)

Marriages

Albert G. Dawson to Cynthia Ann Burkhart, Jacob Brenner to Emma Obhof.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 24, 1855.)

Queries

Mrs. Paul A. Hinton of 8940 Jack Hinton Road, Philpot, Ky., 42366, needs for DAR proof of Hannah Hornbeck Powell's parents. She would like to know the burial place of Hannah's mother, Hannah Cleaver Hornbeck also.

Almarine H. Beu of 1240 Wicklow Street, Boulder, Colo., 80303, wants to know if any niece or nephew of Millie Lamar born in 1874 and dying in 1960 was buried in the Mt. Zion Christian Church Cemetery in Santa Claus, IN. Please write to her if you have any information.

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Ku Klux Klan donates to local church

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To the church from the KKK

Jan. 31, 1924

To the ME Church Colored:

As friends we greet you. Please accept this donation to aid you in your good work, you are doing in this city. You have been informed more than likely that we are not your friends, but this is a mistake. We are friends to all people who are trying to do right, no matter what race they may be. We want to help all people who worship God in spirit and truth and are carrying on the warfare for the church of Jesus Christ and will help our colored brethren as quick as any other race. For Jesus died for all.

Yours for the right,
K.K.K.

This letter was received last Wednesday evening at the revival services of the Second ME Church (Colored). A stranger presented an envelope to a bystander requesting him to give it to the pastor. Upon opening it, it was found to be a communication from the Ku Klux Klan and donation to the church of $16.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Feb 8 1924.)

Death

George W McCoy, son of Matthew and L. McCoy, Nov 5, 1889, aged 26 years, 9 months, 24 days. He was converted and joined the U.B. Church in January 1889 and lived a consistent Christian until death.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. L.L. Schoonover at the Cross Roads Church. The remains were then followed to their last resting place by a large concource of relatives and friends to the Hackleman graveyard. May God bless and comfort the family in their sad bereavement.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 15, 1889.)

Icy River

The winter was the severest in several years. "The weather continues changeable and very unpleasant. Six inches of snow, thermometer registers 20 below zero, while the river remains blocked up. Our friend, John W. Richardson, and Dr. Hougland rode across the Ohio River at this point, and such was the firmness of the ice that there appeared to be no cracking nor even shaking under the horse's feet as they trotted along over its surface. The like of this on the Southern Ohio has never been known, we believe."

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 16 1856.)

Jury Duty

Grand—W.T. Boyd, Luce; John G. Haines, Ohio; Joab Hill, A.J. Parr, Grass; Justin Banks, Hammond; L.Q. Huffman, Harrison.

Petit—Alvah Glenn, James H. Kirkland, Luce; D.A. Hanning, Samuel Alley, Ohio; W.J. Collier, Abraham Sandage, Jackson; James A Kenndy, A.W. Dawson, Louis Woolfolk, Hammond; William A. Painter, Carter; John Collignon, Henry Keller, Harrison.

(1904 September Jury)

Two deaths in 1878

Ephraim Hale died at his home in Grass Township Friday morning, last at 2 a.m., aged 83 years. Mr. Hale was one of the oldest residents of Spencer County.

John Ferguson died at his residence in Clay Township, Dec. 16, at 2 a.m. The deceased was a good man and one who will be missed by family and friends.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec 26 1878.)

Notorious Stinson sent up

The notorious Stinson who has been confined to our County Jail for the last three or four months, for shooting Dr. Myler, was tried before a jury of his countrymen on the 17th inst., in the common pleas court, and sent to the nine year imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. The high sheriff and his deputy left with the prisoner on Monday evening for Jeffersonville.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 25, 1862.)

Meeks burial

Mrs. George Bitts, formerly of this county, but for several years a resident of Evansville, died very suddenly near Princeton Thursday the 16th and her body was shipped here Sunday and was buried in the Meeks Cemetery near Newtonville. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John Bunner. She was 51 years old.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 24, 1904.)

Queries

Does anyone know of a stabbing at Dale, approximately 1914-16 between Daniel Seneff and his son-in-law, Sherwood McDonald? Mr. Seneff suffered the wounds and Dr. Medcalf attended him. A definite date is needed as the microfilm newspapers are very hard to read during that time period. A descendant is interested in details and the society will forward a newspaper copy, if found. Send to Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, Ind., 47635.

John Benton of 2006 Leland Drive, Huntingburg, Ind., 46542, is seeking information on Carl H. Eigenmann, born March 9, 1863 in Germany. He came to the Unites States around 1876 with an unknown uncle and settled in Rockport. He became a noted zoologist specializing in blind cave animals. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Rockport Democrat Feb. 1955

Has Childhood Recollection Of Mt. Zion Church

(By Mrs. Will McCoy)

I wonder if anyone has ever written what they remember of the old Mt. Zion church.

It stood across the road in the middle of the cemetery in the spot where Mrs. Bina Bauman's monument now stands. There were two doors in front and the ladies went in one door and the men in the other. No man ever went in the ladies' door unless he was a father carrying in the baby, then when mother and babies were seated, he went back down the isle, and across to the men's side of the church. The rostrum was between the two doors.

The church was always crowded. There were three long benches next to the door and there is where we small tots sat—that is, the little girls, and across on the other side by the door were the little boys. I was so small, one of my brothers had to help me up the steps into the church and then help me on the bench.

I remember, Mrs. Mary Abshler was our teacher. We all called her Aunt Mary. After I left the card class, Mrs. Mary Bauman was my teacher until I married.

I can't remember all the little girls' names but the few that I can remember were, Fanny and Versy Fodder, Cordia and Myrtle Axton, Mary Axton, Dillie Morgan, Gertie and Effa Nolton. The three seats were always full.

Mr. Abraham Beanblossom was the superintendent of the Sunday school and Mr. William Kincade was the singing teacher. We didn't have plates or envelopes for the offering but instead, a "nickle box" which the little girls and boys took turns passing. We were supposed to walk slowly over the church to collect the offering, but when it came my turn I couldn't walk slowly. I was rather timid and I'd almost run so I don't believe I got all the nickels.

When I was about 10 years old, they had a Sunday school picnic to get money to start the new church to be built on the edge of the grove across the road.

The Harmon sisters were the only ones I know of who had an organ at that time, so it was brought and put on a platform made in the road by the steps that led up the bank to the church and Ella and Sally played it. They made up enough to build the new church and about a year later the congregation was in the new church. There was soon a new organ and Bina Roberts was the organist until after she married then George Beanblossom served for a time. The church seated 500 persons and was full for most services.

The names of a few pastors I can remember were L. L. Schoonover, Harvey Richardson, Sammy Logsdon, Rev. Mills and A. A. Arford.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Child is scalded to death in shocking soap accident

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Child scalded

From Mr. F.C. Finch, of Grandview, we learn that a child of Mr. A.G. Dawson, who resides two miles north of that place lost its life in a shockingly painful manner on Tuesday. The family had been making soap and had poured the hot soap into a tub, when the little child, who was but 4 years old, fell backwards into the tub and was so shockingly scalded from the ankles to the waist that it survived but a few hours.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 7, 1875.)

Marriages

John Hendtickson to Eliza A. Wood; Madison Johnson to Arizona Naney; James W. Wells to Elizabeth A. Helsley; Jacob M. Kemp to Mary E. Martin; Columbus Hartwell to Matilda Miller; G.R. Medcalf to Nancy Richardson; William Burroughs to Margaret Stillwell; coupled since March 23, 1881 by Clerk Richardson.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, March 31, 1881.)

Deer hunt

We noticed on our streets one day this week a fine lot of venison which had been killed in the neighborhood of Centerville by our old friend, Milton Beasley. At this season venison is very fat and juicy. Consequently this lot went off like hot cakes at six cents a pound.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 26, 1856.)

Last will

The last will of Barbara Dilger was probated Tuesday, giving all her property to the following named children: John Dilger, Edward Dilger, Frank Dilger, William Dilger. Agatha Brenner (born Dilger), Mary Brenner (born Dilger), Bertha Dilger, to be divided equally among them. She provides in the will for erection of tombstones at her grave and that of her husband, John Dilger, her son, was appointed executor of the will, which was executed June 2, 1899.)

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 14, 1899.)

Grass Flat Valley [Clay Twp.]

Mr. and Mrs. William Lloyd visited their cousin, Mr. Belville, near Grandview.

Mr. George Foertsch had two carloads of tiling shipped to him from Grandview. He is going to place it in his farm. George is an up-to-date farmer.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 4, 1898.)

Death

Mrs. Ruth Huff, in her 80th year died at 8:00 Wednesday night at the home of her son, S.H. Jennings, in this city. Funeral will be held at Little Pigeon Church in Clay Township tomorrow afternoon.

"Aunt Ruth," as she was known to many, has been in failing health for some time and came down from her home at Buffaloville about a year ago to stay with her son. Four children are left as follows: S.H. Jennings of Rockport, John Jennings of Evansville, Mrs. Nellie Powell and Mrs. Nannie Heitz of Oklahoma. The deceased was born and lived her whole life in this county. She was a daughter of Josiah Crawford, for whom Abraham Lincoln worked when he lived at Gentryville.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 28, 1906.)

Marriage

Bert Lloyd and Miss Estelle Fortney were married in Evansville Tuesday morning. The groom is a son of Elijah Lloyd, of near Midway, and the bride is a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Fortney, also near Midway. They are well known young people and have many friends in this county who will wish them well along life's journey.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 15, 1899.)

Visits the old battleground

Capt. Jeff Ray, a few days ago on a business trip in Kentucky passed over the Panther Creek battleground the first time he had seen the place since he faced bullets there in the battle. He says the lay of the land looks as he remembers it, but it is all cleared. Then the most of it was in timber and says there was one of the finest oak trees there during the battle that he ever saw. But it, with other giants of the forest, has long ago fallen a victim of the woodman's ax. We have asked Captain Ray to write his recollections of the Panther Creek battle and hope he will do so. We would be glad to hear from any of the survivors of that fight.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 30, 1916.)

Queries

Mary Hahn of 1201 Cedar, Richland, Wash., 99332, wants to share information on the following surnames: Hahn, Woodruff, Huffman, Dempsey, Shrode, Johnson, Bunton, Hart and Smallwood.

Jane Jones of 445 Owen St., Tiskilwa, Ill., 61368, is seeking information on Stuteville, especially prior to the Civil War. She also wants information on Samuel Clark (who married Lucretia Stuteville on April 9, 1826 in Spencer County); Warner and Eliza Jane (Clarkson) Crawford. They lived in Spencer County in the early 1830s and Eliza Jane later married George Washington Stuteville.

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Strawboard Works benefits Rockport

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Making strawboard

The Southern Strawboard Works started up the machinery in all departments on Monday last, and began to out strawboard of the finest quality at the rate of 15 tons a day.

The factory employs about 25 hands and runs day and night. It is one of the best strawboard factories in the United States, the buildings being made of the best pressed brick and finely finished in every department. It has its own electric light plant and water works, pumping the water up out of the ground. It uses as much water as all the rest of the town.

Five large boilers furnish the steam power and require a carload of coal every day for fuel. A large number of our citizens have visited the factory this week and many have carried away samples of the product to send to friends at a distance for keepsakes.

It is something of which every citizen of Rockport and surrounding country may be justly proud. It is perhaps a greater benefit to the farmers than to any other class, as it furnishes a home market for their straw, which has been a waste product of the farm. The factory consumes 30 tons of straw a day and will keep about 16 teams employed in hauling it in from the farms.

Mr. L.H. Woods, superintendent of the factory, says the fiber of the straw is the best and color of the board the lightest he has ever made, and he has been engaged in the business for many years. He is more than pleased with the working of the plant.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 26, 1899.)

Death

Mr. John M. Davis, at his residence in this city, Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock of pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W.H. Dawson at the Baptist Church Wednesday at 10 o'clock a.m. Mr. Davis was an older soldier, a member of the 25th Ind. Although not a member of the Grand Army Lodge, he expressed a desire to be buried by them and talked of joining the lodge before his death. He was buried in the Ohio Cemetery five miles from the city. Spencer Post G.A.R. officiating as they always do in such cases.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 12, 1884.)

Zoologist

Dr. Carl H. Eigenmann, formerly of this city, now at the head of the department of zoology in the state university, wants to convert the southern part of Lawrence County into a state reserve for scientific purposes. The American Society for the Advancement of Science, which met in Washington, D.C., last week passed a resolution reading as follows:

The American Society for the Advancement of Science heartily endorses the plan of converting the Donnelson estate, which has recently become the property of the State of Indiana, into a State Reserve, and urges upon the Legislature of Indiana the advisability of setting aside part of it, at least, for an experimental farm for the investigation of cave animals and plants by American naturalists.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 9, 1903.)

Marriage

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 12, by the Rev. Stephen Ravenscoft, Mr. George Kivett of Covington, Ky., to Miss Lottie O. Ferguson of Rockport.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 16, 1861.)

Mrs. Crawford dies in 1895

Mrs. Nancy Crawford died after suffering with consumption two years.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 17, 1905, in a 10-year item from Buffaloville.)

Queries

Mrs. Paul A. Hinton, 8940 Jack Hinton Road, Philpot, Ky., 42566, would like to hear from descendants of Omar Patmore. She is doing a book and would like to get more information on this particular line.

The society has several requests for the Rockport Spencer County Sesquicentennial Book published several years ago. Are there any stored away somewhere? Let the society know and we'll make contacts to interested people.

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County citizen is pallbearer for President Harrison

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Uncle Jonathan Parker was 89 years old on Monday of last week. He comes to town regularly every Saturday and gets around as spry as a man 40 years younger. There are only two men in the county older than he—Uncle Thad Davis of Chrisney, and Uncle Dan Williamson of Ohio Township, who are both past 90. Mr. Parker was born in Ohio near the old Harrison home and was one of the pallbearers at the funeral of President William Henry Harrison.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 16, 1902.)

Oldest native born dies

Mr. Alfred Lamar, one of the best known citizens of the county, died at 5 o'clock this (Wed.) morning at his home in this place. (Feb. 15). Mr. Lamar was born near Grandview in the year 1810, and was the oldest native born citizen of Spencer County.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 17, 1899.)

Spencer County sends to war

Spencer County has sent over 1,500 men to the war, out of a voting population of 2,800. Spencer County is patriotic to some purpose.

That's so, and if necessary can send 500 more. We are all Union men in Spencer, none of us have ever been hung and burned in effigy on account of our secession proclivities.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat,

Queries

Mary Hahn of 1201 Cedar, Richland, Wash., 99332, wants to share information on the following Spencer County surnames between 1830-1880: Hahn, Woodruff, Huffman, Dempsey, Shrode, Johnson, Bunton, Hart and Smallwood.

Norma S. Miller of 114 Linden Ave., Mayo, Md., 21106, would like to hear from those knowing anything about James and Mary (McNeely) Small. They supposedly gave land for a church near Patronville. The church and cemetery no longer exist. The society is interested in the cemetery information also.

Volume I of the new Spencer County Cemetery Books is at the printers. In order to complete Volume II we need additional help from the public. Thanks to the many that have helped in locating cemeteries over the past year. The phone calls and directions have led us to many that otherwise would have been missed and possibly never recorded. Please help us on the following:

Willow Pond burial of Nanny ? Someone called months ago and never returned call with information. Call 362-7268.

Prosser—non-existent? Where are the stones now?

Snook, Luce Township, Section 32, County Road 800W or close by.

Miller, Luce Township, Section 2 between County Road 500-600W, old plat book shows it on Eloise Gabbe property near Osborn Cemetery.

Gentry Cemetery, Ohio Township, where was Gentry Chapel and schoolhouse? The cemetery was probably close.

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Doctor meets son for first time

Doctor meets son for first time

Dr. Felix Maslowsky, of Mariah Hill, came to Dale last Saturday to meet his son, a young man about 21 years of age who had just arrived from Germany.

Strange to say, he had never seen him before, nor had the young man ever seen his father. The doctor formerly lived in Germany, where he was educated and where he first practiced medicine. Some time before he came to this country he married a young German lady. Hoping to do better in America in the practice of medicine he crossed the Atlantic, leaving his young wife for the time with friends on the other side.

The doctor decided to remain in this country, but his wife never came over. Shortly after he left for America a boy was born to Mrs. Maslowsky. The boy grew to manhood and then determined to come over and visit his father.

The father and son met for the first time on the street near the hotel in Dale on Saturday. They seemed to know each other on sight, and embraced and kissed each other as affectionately as would a fond parent and a tender-hearted son who had been separated for a year or two only.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1894.)

Coroner's inquest

I, the undersigned, a coroner of Spencer County, State of Indiana, who on the 4th day of September, 1905, held an inquest over a dead body in the town of Rockport, county and state aforesaid, report as follows:

That the true name of said party was George Caldwell, aged about 60 years, that his height was about 5 feet 11 inches, and his weight about 150 pounds. The deceased was an umbrella mender by trade and was generally known as "Happy Jack."

When in town he usually slept in Abney's livery stable. On the morning of the above date at about 4:30 o'clock he was seen going out the back way; an hour later was found dead lying by the side of the stable. No valuables were found on his body except 25 cents in cash.

After viewing the body and taking the evidence in the case, I find that the said George Caldwell came to his death from chronic alcoholism. Given under my hand on this 5th day of September, 1905.

Henry G. Weiss, M.D.
Spencer County Coroner

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 15, 1905.)

Death of the doctor

Mariah Hill

A gloom that will not so soon subside, was cast upon this community last Friday noon, when the death of our beloved physician, Dr. Felix Maslowsky, was announced. For eight long weeks, he was confined to his bed with dropsy, until death came to relieve the patient sufferer.

The deceased was born in Germany in 1845 and was the son of a Prussian Army officer. He was educated at Porderborn and served as Army post master in the Austro-Prussian War of 1866. In 1870 he emigrated to this country, and after having taught here a number of years, he attended medical colleges at Louisville and Cincinnati. About 30 years ago he established himself here as a physician and enjoyed a large practice.

Few men in this country were better known or more generally esteemed. In 1883 he was married to Margaret Heichelbech to which union four children were born, Andy, the oldest son, is a student at the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville; while Bertha, the oldest daughter, is a teacher in the public schools. The deceased attained the age of 61 years and at his death was postmaster at Maria Hill. He was a charter member of St. John's Council #582 Y.M.I., and member of the Spencer County Medical Society.

Testimony as to his many good qualities.... Will leaves all to his wife.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 13, 1906.)

Marriage Licenses

Philip Schneider to Ida M. Phillips; John Clay Glackman to Cordella Middleton; August W. Oeding to Ceulia E. Bosler; William L. Tuttle to Eunice Walker; Edward Billart to Ida M. Herr; James A. Crafton to Catherine A. Blackford; George A. Bailey to Wright Sweat.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 10, 1904.)

Chickens croak

A Jackson County farmer found an auto horn in the road one day, and taking it home, taught his chickens to recognize its honk as their feed call. Instead of calling them in the old-fashioned way, the farmer or his wife would blow the auto horn. One day an automobilist passed the farm, going about 15 mph, tooting his horn. The chickens near the house took out after the auto, and 14 hens and three roosters ran themselves to death behind the machine!

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 13, 1905.)

Queries

Oden M. Haynes of 4186 W. 144th St., Cleveland, Ohio, 44135, wants to correspond with others on Haynes and Frodder surnames. He especially wants to know more about the six children born to John W. Haynes and Julia Barnett.

Correction

Ken Harris of 11850 Jordan Road, Fountain, Colo., 80817, is interested in all Harrises of Spencer County. He has received some answers is looking forward to many more after the address correction.

Last chance!

On Spencer County Cemetery, Vol. I, II and II, pre-publication sale ends March 1 for all three volumes. Volume I will be delivered March 1. You can save $12 on three, but orders must be in by March 1. After pre-publication all books will sell for $22 plus $2 mailing while supply lasts.

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Widower asks for funeral to be postponed

Strange request

At the request of Col. G.R. Kellems, of Gentryville, Spencer County, the funeral of his wife was postponed Sunday afternoon the plea of Col. Kellems being that he would die very shortly and wanted to be buried with her.

Mrs. Kellems died on Friday afternoon last and the time of her funeral was set for Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Col. Kellems was sick at the time of his wife's death and was not told of her passing away until Sunday morning, at which time he appeared greatly shocked and shortly after said that he knew he would die soon and desired that her funeral be postponed.

The statement of the Colonel was not taken seriously by his sorrowing family and relatives and preparations went forward for the funeral of his wife in the afternoon. Toward the noon hour the condition of Col. Kellems seemed to take a change for the worse and members of the family gathered at his bedside. The Colonel lost consciousness about 1 o'clock in the afternoon and died an hour later.

The family then decided to postpone the funeral of Mrs. Kellems until Tuesday morning when both the Colonel and his wife will be laid to final rest at the same time and in the same grave.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 24, 1902.)

Two thousand bushels

Mr. Andy Patmore, a farmer of Clay Township, is the most successful potato-raiser in Spencer County. He raised, notwithstanding the dry weather of last year, over two thousand bushels, about twelve hundred bushels being Irish potatoes, and eight hundred bushels sweet potatoes.

Mr. Patmore has his houses well arranged for keeping potatoes, and says they are less trouble than any other product cultivated. He is now making preparations to plant a very large crop, and if the coming season should be favorable, he will reap the largest crop ever raised in this county.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, May 7, 1881.)

Glendale Church supper

On Saturday night, Sept. 15, there will be a general supper at the new Glendale Church, on the Boonville Road, north of Hatfield. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 14, 1894.)

Once upon a time, a small log church called Glendale Missionary Baptist Church was built about 1872 on land obtained from Benjamin Hedrick. Services were held there once every month. Early pastors were the Revs. William Dempsey, James Davis and James Bullock.

Society news

The Spencer County Historical Society's meeting date has been changed from Tuesday, March 3, to Monday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m., due to the Boonville Sectional.

The Spencer County Historical Society met Feb. 3 at the Rockport-Ohio Township Library in Rockport with several in attendance.

President Sharon Patmore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary and treasurer's reports were read and approved. A report was given on the atlas and history sales. Membership update is 131 members. The secretary read the articles of the by-laws for the second meeting and the motion was made to accept the changes as read.

The society is still accepting donations for Gentryville's Christian Cemetery Fund. Continue sending in your orders for the cemetery books. The first one is being printed. You have a choice of buying one or all of the books.

Paul Rimstidt, Duane Walter and Steve Sisley led the discussion on the Old Rockport (Mount Duvall) Cemetery.

Discussion was held on the necessity of having memorial cards printed.

The society is hosting an afternoon of reminiscing of the 1937 Flood, held at the Energy Information Center on Sunday, March 8, from 1 to 5 p.m. Films will be shown and anyone having local pictures to display of the flood should get in touch with the society, Duane Walter or Steve Sisley or bring your pictures and enjoy the afternoon. Posters are placed in surrounding towns.

The next meeting of the society will be March 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Rockport-Ohio Township Public Library.

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Luce Township resident finds Spanish coin dated 1727

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Finds old coin

Mr. J.J. Cowell, of Luce Township, showed us this week a Spanish silver coin about the size of a silver dollar bearing the date of 1727, which he dug up on his farm this summer while hoeing tobacco. It is an interesting relic.

(Taken from The Pocket, Nov. 13, 1886.)

Cuno Butscher answers last summon

Cuno Butscher died last Thursday evening, July 10, in Evansville where he had been taken a few days before for an operation for gall stones. He grew gradually worse after reaching the sanitarium and never became able to stand the operation, hence it was not performed.

The body was brought back here and funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home in South Sixth Street, the Rev. M.O. Robbins conducting the service.

He was born in Wuerttenberg, Germany, in 1855 and came to this country at the age of 17 years, starting into business adjusting pianos in Jameston, N.Y. He married Barbara Walt in 1880 and to them were born 12 children, eight of whom, with the wife, survive. At the funeral a tribute to his attainments was read.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 18, 1919.)

Kaetzel has Klose Kall

A farmer named Kaetzel, living near Santa Claus, Spencer County, went to Dale one day last week and sold his clover seed, receiving $100 or so for the same. On the way home he was stopped by a person in woman's clothes carrying a bundle, who requested a ride. The request was granted, and the woman with her bundle took her seat in the back of the wagon. From the action of the person Kaetzel became suspicious and wished himself rid of his passenger.

Purposely dropping the whip out of the wagon on the way, he asked the passenger to pick it up, saying he could not leave his horses to run after it. The stranger complied with his request when Kaetzel discovered that the supposed woman was a man and drove off. On arriving at his home the stranger's bundle, which had been left in the wagon, was opened and found to contain a bowie knife and revolver. It is thought that the stranger knew of Kaetzel having disposed of his clover seed, and thinking he had money had prepared to rob him on his way home.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 29, 1893.)

School closings

We understand two, and possibly three, of the township schools will be abandoned this year. The Kelly, Bockstahler and Beard schools are those in question. The few pupils who are left in these neighborhoods will be sent to the Dale schools.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Sept. 5, 1918.)

Marriage Permits

George A. Smith to Ellen Nursey (Col.); Charles H. Spileler to Gertrude Geiger; Lewis R. Guyler to Josephine Johnson; Draper Reed to Ella Sibrel; Lewis F. Weiss to Carolyn Eigenmann; Henry A. Katherjohn to Mary E. Riners; and W.N. Ellis to Lily B. Patterson.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, June 10, 1880.)

Father of 18

Elijah Wilson, who lived on a farm two miles northeast of Dale for many years, aged 87 years, 11 months, 18 days, died at Huntingburg on Tuesday of last week. He had been blind for several years and was living with one of his children.

He was married twice and was the father of 18 children, eight of the children survive. He had 33 grandchilren and 36 great-grandchildren. Both his wives have been dead many years. He leaves two sisters, Martha Heffey, age 82 and Bettie Houder, age 92, both of Evansville.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 6, 1922.)

Marriage

At the residence of the bride's mother, Thursday evening at 7:00, by the Rev. W.L. Nourse, William B. Stites to Grace G. Crooks, all of Rockport.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Gazette, Nov. 12, 1873.)

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The Spencer County Historical Society is presenting Flood of 1937 in movie form at the Energy Information Center, March 8. Don Baker, Willard Library in Evansville will narrate the film. Time schedule of the film will vary, but browsing among photos, Energy tour and book sale will fill your afternoon between 1 and 5 p.m.

The first cemetery book, History of Warrick, Spencer and Perry Counties 1885, Atlas of Spencer County and Evansville's Great Flood of 1937 will be offered for sale.

Volume I of the cemetery books is available for pick up at the library.

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County's 'good-looking' sheriff ties knot

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Marriage

Allen Gentry, the good looking and popular sheriff of Spencer County, was united in marriage to Miss Cordie Wilkinson, of Luce Township, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the 20th inst. The consumation of the happiness of the worthy young couple was witnessed by a number of their friends. The bride and groom are members of two of the oldest and most respectable families in Spencer County.

At Silverdale church, the 18th inst., by Rev. W.L. Nourse, John H. Hill and Mary Eva Swallow.

At the residence of Lee Durham, 19th inst., by same, P. McManus and Minnie Lowe.

Rockport Weekly Gasette May 27, 1880.

William Overlan Dies

The remains of William Overlan of Luce Twp. was brought back from the 58th Reg. Ind. Vol. and interred in the Baker's Creek graveyard on last Monday. Mr. Overlan was a lieutenant in a company that was raised in the county and joined the 58th Reg. at Princeton, Gibson County.

Rockport Democrat Mar. 29, 1862

Funeral at Pleasant Valley

Rev. W.L. Nourse, will preach the funeral of Mrs. Ollie Beeler Lloyd, deceased wife of Charles R. Lloyd, at Pleasant Valley Church, near Midway, Spencer County, on Sunday 27 inst., at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

Boonville Enquirer May 26, 1883

Matrimonial Misfits

Hannah Feltis against Osia Matilda C. Davis against John J. Geor. Walter against Dora dismissed Nettie Mabies against James H. Malinda Boyd against David N. James B. Oldham against Amanda.

Rockport Journal March 17, 1899

Too Much Booze

Three citizens of Luce Township near Hatfield drove down to Evansville in a wagon one cold day last week, but before starting back all three "loaded up" pretty heavily on "booze." When they arrived at Newburgh one of them went into a house to warm and the other two forgetting him drove off and left him.

When they got to Pigeon Creek one of them jumped out of the wagon and walked over to the creek bank, falling into the water 12 feet deep. He swam across and caught hold of some willow bushes but was too drunk or too cold to get out, and his partner, forgetting him, drove on home.

When he got there he said to his mother, "What do you think I have done? I lost both of those fellows who went with me."

Parties immediately went back and found the man standing in water up under his arms, his hands frozen to the willow limbs to which he was holding. He was taken home and it is thought will recover although when last heard from was in a serious conition.

Rockport Journal Dec. 11, 1896

Enterprise News and Death

William Pence has gone to Arkansas to accept a position as sawyer in a saw mill there.

We are sorry to note the death of Mrs. Susannah Mickle, which occurred on Dec. 4. Mrs. Mickle was one amongst the early residents of Luce Township, she having lived in the town of Enterprise away back in 1840. She was buried on the Arnold Hill burying ground.

Indiana Pocket Dec. 22, 1888

Hand Cuffs

George Hufuagle, Mary Lehman; Solomon Evans, M.F. Butler; Samuel F. Hamilton, Mary E. Parsley; Christian Wetzel, Kate Koetzel; Solomon Fahr, Caroline Eble.

Rockport Weekly Democrat June 1, 1878.

Queries:

Betty McCoskey, RR3, Scottsburg, IN 47170. Betty is researching the following surnames; Hutchinson (Isaac), Keown, Royal, and Wire, of Spencer Co. She would like to correspond with anyone having information to share.

Margaret A. King, P.O. box 5025, Provo, Utah 84601. Margaret would like to hear from others researching the Wahl family of Spencer County.

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Who remembers year without a summer?

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The year without a summer

There are not many now living who can remember 78 years ago. If they did they would recall a year that had no summer. Frosts occurred each month in the year 1818. It is a matter of record that during the month of May ice formed nearly an inch thick over nearly the entire country.

Throughout New England snow fell to the depth of six inches during June and July. No corn was raised that year and farmers supplied themselves with seed for the ensuing from the crop of the year 1816.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1897.)

Mr. Buxton dies

Another of Spencer County's best citizens gone. Mr. John X. Buxton died last Friday night at his residence near Spring Station.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, March 23, 1878.)

70th birthday

Last Friday, April 27, the relatives of Mr. Levi Haines gathered at his residence in Newtonville, with well filled baskets to surprise him, it being his 70th birthday.

After a bountiful dinner the remainder of the day was spent in a social way. His two aged sisters were present, Sarah Siscoe of near Grandview, aged 72; and Caroline Hammond of near Rockport, aged 75. In the evening the company dispersed each wishing him many happy returns of the day.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1900.)

Courthouse speech

James M. Shanklin ESQ will address the people of Spencer County on Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, 1861, at candle lighting, at the courthouse, upon the momentous questions now agitating the county. Everyone is invited to attend, especially the ladies.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 31, 1861.)

Richland death

Mary E. Tall, as all know her, Aunt Mary, mother of James and William Sims, died at the home of her son, James, 1½ miles south of town, at 8:00 May 18, after a long an painful illness at the ripe old age of 76 years, 2 months and 8 days.

Her husband, John Tall, was preceded her to the great beyond many years ago. She was a devoted Christian for about 65 years and died in full faith of a better life beyond.

She leaves three sons, James and John, who for many years have been living in Missouri and a host of friends to mourn her loss. She was interred in Friendship Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 27, 1904.)

Marriages in 1855

Nov. 7, 1855

Albert G. Dawson to Cynthia Ann Burkhart; Jacob Brenner to Emma Obhof, Nov. 9; George H. Daun to Abigail J. Stocking, Nov. 27; Hugh Wollard to Sarah Parker, Nov. 22.

Here I am

A drunken man staggered into a church one Sunday and sat down in the pew of one of the deacons. The preacher was discoursing about prevalent popular vices. Soon he exclaimed, "Where is the drunkard?"

The drunken man was just far enough gone to think the call personal, so rising heavily, replied, "Here I am," and remained standing while the drunkards' character and fate were eloquently portrayed.

A few minutes later, the preacher reached another head of the discourse, and asked, "Where is the hypocrite?" Gently nudging his neighbor the drunkard said in an audible whisper, "Stand up, deacon, he means you this time. Stand up an take it like a man, just as I did. It will do you good."

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 5, 1902.)

Mr. Kruse buried

William Kruse, April 14, 1829-March 1906, 76 years, 11 months, 16 days, Civil War veteran, 136th Ind. Vol., leaves wife, four sons, three daughters and one sister. Buried in German Methodist Campground Cemetery.

Update of Spencer County Soldiers

Ohio Township--Gene "Mike" Tobin and Douglas Royal.

Hammond Township--Aaron Meeks.

Luce Township--Glenn Stewart, Hazel Gorman, William Gunn, Lewis V. Basham.

Harrison Township--Edgar Mullis and Alvin J. Miller.

Clay Township--Delmer Bench, Maloy Robertson and B.J. Bench.

Carter Township--Roman George Schue, Dennis Jochim and R. Foster Scott.

Please send deceased soldier's name to the Spencer County Historical Society if he isn't listed in the county newspaper with military information. This assures us that the listing remains updated. Add your name as informant, in case of questions.

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Rockport Brass Band entertains local residents

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Rockport Brass Band

As we were leaving our office the other evening our ears were saluted with a hamony of sweet sounds issuing from a neighboring shop that stirred the poetry within our souls.

Upon inquiry, we found that a portion of the Rockport Brass Band were whilling away a leisure hour in courting the art devine.

(March 24, 1855.)

Winchell-Rasor family reunion

The Winchell and Rasor families held a very pleasant joint reunion last Sunday at the home of Mrs. John Rasor near Silverdale, in honor of Mr. James Winchell and family of Nebraska, who were present.

At noon the table was set in the yard with an abundant supply of necessaries, as well as many of the luxuries of life—the best the county affords—of which all partook heartily. After dinner the crowd was entertained with music and games of various sorts. At four o'clock Carson came out from Rockport and caught their pictures—73 in number.

All of the two families were present except three. Mr. James Winchell and family, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives here, left Monday for their home in Nebraska.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 20, 1899.)

Harrison Township news

Collignon and Company have their Fulda mill nearly ready for operation.

''Uncle'' Billy Lamar has been making some exquisitely delicious maple sugar and molasses. He has lived long enough to know that tree molasses makes pancakes run awful smooth.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 7, 1875.)

Death at Buffalo

Mary Luella, daughter of J.H. and Mary Adams, 7 years, 10 months and 4 days.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 7, 1875.)

Divorces pending

Thomas Williamson vs Huldah N.; David Johnson vs Jane; Rhoda Churchwell vs John; John Davis vs Arvella; Mary L. Farmer vs Ezekial; Minerva Jones vs Daniel B.; Magdalena Arnold vs Anton.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 5, 1889.)

Death of Lavina Martin

Mrs. Lavina Martin died at her home in Gentryville, Dec. 11, 1888, after a protracted illness, in the 73rd year of her age. Her maiden name was Lavina Alley and she and James Martin were married on the 9th day of August, 1841 in Robinson County, Middle Tennessee.

They moved to Dubois County, this state, in 1846, and to this county in 1850 and settled three miles west of Gentryville, where they lived until the spring of 1857, when they moved to Dale, which was their home until 1864. They they moved to Gentryville, where they resided every since.

She had been a member of the ME church since 1837 and died as she had lived, in the hope of a bright immortality. The deceased leaves a husband, one son and a large circle of friends to mourn her death.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Dec. 22, 1888.)

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April 2, 1987

'Grandma Ferguson' dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Grandma Ferguson dies

Telitha C. Ferguson, Grandma Ferguson as she was known, departed this life, Feb. 13.

She was born May 22, 1825, and was aged 80 years, 8 months and 21 days. In 1844 she married to John Ferguson. To this union were born 12 children. She leaves five, Lizzie Gentry, Susan Masterson, William, Andrew and Samuel F., also 15 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death.

She was formerly Telitha C. Lamar, the last of seven children to pass to the Great Beyond. She united with the Baptist church at Old Pigeon in 1860 and has lived a faithful and devoted Christian for 46 years.

Grandma has been afflicted for three years, confined to her bed and chair all the time, but was patient until the last.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 16, 1906.)

Wedding

By the Rev. S. Ravenscof on Sunday, the 21st of July, 1861 AD, Charles W. Angel of New Albany to Mary Jane Sutton of Rockport. Immediately on getting spliced, the happy couple started off to spend their honeymoon traveling, without even giving their friends here a chance to wish them joy. We wish our young friends, the bride and groom, a long and pleasant honeymoon.

To Mrs. Sutton, the bride's mother, we return our many thanks for the liberal share of the wedding cake which was very fine indeed.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 27, 1861.)

Obituary

James Charcy McCoy was born in Spencer County on June 29, 1841, departed this life Nov. 22, 1924 at the age of 82 years, 4 months and 22 days at the home of his granddaughter, Mrs. Wesley Falls, 1316 E. Illinois St., Evansville.

On Sept. 18, 1869, he was united in marriage to Amanda Winkler. to this union one daughter, Eliza, and one son, John H., were born. His wife and daughter having died some years ago.

Mr. McCoy, or Uncle Charcey as he was better known, spent most of his life at Cross Roads as a music teacher. He was held in high esteem by all who ever knew or met him for his hospitality and kindness, always a smile and a kind word for every one and a Christian at heart, God's words on his lips. Many will remember as quoting the following passage, "All things work together for good, for those who love the Lord."

Even in the hour of death he was found kneeling, as if in prayer. Before he left the house to go into the stable where he was found, he sat down to the piano and played and sang, "My Heavenly Home is Bright and Fair."

After two years darkness to the worlds light and beauty he underwent an operation last January that gave him his sight again. Now he's gone to a more beautiful land where all is bright and sweet forever.

Surviving are one brother, Robert Daily McCoy, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Uncle Charcey also served as a home guard in the Civil War.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping in 1924.)

Information for Volume III, Clay, Carter, Huff and Harrison Townships needs to be turned in immediately. The historical society is asking for information of burials without monuments especially.

Woods Cemetery

This cemetery is located on Highway 62 south of Dale and Lincoln City turn-off. It is on a hill behind a large white house on the east side of the road. Only a few stones remain and the historical society needs more information to offer a better recording for Volume III. Please call 362-7268 or write Spencer County Historical Society, Rockport Library, Rockport, Ind., 47635, if you know of any burials in this little deserted cemetery. Thanks.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

April 9, 1987

Founder of Chrisney is recognized

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'ounder of Chrisney

John B. Chrisney, founder of the own which bears his name, was orn in Alsace, France, in the year 841. In 1847 his parents came to the Jnited States and located in Buffalo, I.Y., where they lived for two years.

Moving westward, they located in 'loyd County, Ind., where the family ved two years before moving to 'rawford County. On November 3, 859, Mr. Chrisney was united in narriage to Mary Fella, the aughter of Casper Fella.

In 1865, accompanied by his rother, Pharoah, he came to pencer County and purchased a ract of land surrounding the big pring located on Main Street. Near his location he later erected a log abin for his family. Around this pring was laid out the original plat f the town, which in 1856 was nown as Spring Station. In 1882 the ame was changed to Spring then in)ctober, 1883, it was changed to 'hrisney, in honor of the founder. In 874 he became the town's first ostmaster and for years conducted general merchandise store.

Mr. Chrisney was the father of even children, three daughters and our sons; Joseph C., John P. Louisa I., Martha C., Francis W., Thomas . and Mary S. Surviving are one on, Thomas E., and one daughter, Iary S. Crandall. The father died in 'eb. 5, 1908.

The 70th anniversary of the aming of "Chrisney" is being elebrated at the Fall Festival, Oct. 3, by the Chrisney Business ssociation.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun Souvenir Edition), October 1953.)

e-married in 1853

Re-married by James T. Morgan, sq., on the 10th inst., Warren Iarris to Mrs. Harris. Divorced like cissors, rent in twain, each nourned the rivot out; but spliced nd rivoted again, the shears will etter cut.

(Taken from The Planter, March 2, 1853.)

ld watch found in Luce Township

Joseph Scamahorn has in his ossession an old style silver watch, ound on the third inst., by Henry Dick, which was lost in 1836 by J.B. Nunn, deceased, of Luce Township, while on a deer hunt. The watch is in good state of preservation and Nunn's heirs can have the watch by calling on Mr. Scamahorn.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, Journal, May 13, 1874.)

All about Enterprise

Enterprise is a pleasant village, situated on the banks of the Ohio River, 20 miles below Rockport. It is a town of about 75 inhabitants, contains two stores, two groceries, one blacksmith shop, four extensive tobacco warehouses with places for grain and corn. It is surrounded by rich farms, the productions of which are hauled here to be shipped, rendering it quite a business little town.

We have regular preaching twice a month in the town, and several times a month in the vicinity. We also have a good school during a large portion of the year.

Our merchants here are doing well, considering the dull season. Health is generally good. Physicians say it is distressingly healthy. Crops are excellent. Harvesting is done, or nearly so. The Africans are preparing for a grand picnic just above town on the 5th of July.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, July 10, 1869.)

Fine balloon ascensions

The people of this city have been treated to a number of very pretty balloon ascensions this week by W.H. Wallace and wife. On Sunday evening, Mrs. Wallace made the ascension from the rear of Axton's Store on Fifth Street and after going up several hundred feet came down near the Christian church. It was witnessed by hundreds of people. On Monday evening she went up towards the clouds again and this time came down in Mt. Pleasant. The weather was fine both evenings and the feats were pronounced a decided success.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Wallace made the ascension and when several hundred feet in the air, cut loose from the balloon and made a very thrilling parachute leap alighting near the M.E. Church. He came down rather rapidly and received some slight bruises but nothing serious. His wife made another ascension Saturday evening for colored people at their celebration at the fairgrounds.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 3, 1900.)

Measles death

Mr. John Q. Adams, living near Gentryville, died last Sunday of measles. This was the first death we have heard of from this disease.

(Taken from Rockport Gazette, March 10, 1881.)

Market prices

Subject to change: Cream, 25 cents; eggs, 22 cents; hens, 6 to 11 cents; springers 8, 9 or 10 cents; roosters, 6 cents.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 25, 1939.)

Queries

Pauline Bunner of Route 2, Box 76, Rockport, Ind., 47635, is looking for Rasor and Winchell pictures and family papers that belonged to Grace Pattie and Mollie Huffman. She also is seeking pictures and information from the house of James Rasor who died in the 1930s. Daughters are Dink, Kate and Bett. Write either Pauline or the society with information.

Sandra Richardson of 5216 Ash Roeland, Park, Kan., 66205, is looking for information about Luther and Submit Melissa Alexander. They lived near Chrisney and Submit is buried in the old family cemetery having died Nov. 24, 1886. Luther died in 1868. She is also looking for help on Noah and William Morton of Warrick County, Ind.

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April 16, 1

Another bold burglary occurs in 1875

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Another bold burglary and robbery

The grocery store of William Forsythe and the saloon of Henry Ribkey at Grandview were broken open last night and robbed of several articles. No money lost so far as heard from. The thieves got several gallons of whiskey and destroyed the rest of the barrel.

We are sorry to inform our readers that John Hill, one of our very best citizens, is lying dangerously ill of pneumonia at his residence on the Graham farm below the city. Later: On going to press, we learned of the death of John Hill.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 12, 1875.)

Mary Freshley dies

Mary Ann Miller Freshley, daughter of Michael and Mary Miller, was born in Ohio, Oct. 25, 1848, and came to Indiana with her parents in early childhood. At the age of 12 years, she gave her heart to God and thereafter sought to know and do His will.

On Jan. 1, 1868 she was united in marriage to Frederick J. Freshley and together they founded a Christian home. This union was blessed with seven children but, while the youngest were yet small, the father was called to his heavenly crowning and she was left alone to rear the family alone. She felt keenly the responsibility of being both father and mother to her children but set herself steadfastly to the task of bringing them up to honor and serve God. In all things she sought His help and guidance.

On Saturday, June 5, 1943, at 4:30 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Katie Anderson, her spirit took its flight back to the God who gave it.

Two daughters, Carrie Kennedy and Ida Hammond, and a son, Oscar, preceded the mother in death. Two sons and two daughters survive: George M. Freshley, Mrs. Katie Anderson and Mrs. Flora White, of Grandview; and Dr. F.J. Freshley, of Evansville. Also 18 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at New Hope U.B. Church, by the Rev. L.N. Garloch. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping in 1943.)

Brashears-Langdon marriage

Married at the residence of the bride's parents in Rockport, Indiana, on Monday, Nov. 22, 1880, at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Hester were Blumer H. Brashears to Mary J. Langdon.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Nov. 25, 1880.)

Midway High School

Month ending Nov. 28, 1879. Neither absent nor tardy were Sammie Gwaltney, Annie Barker, Emma Armstrong, Lillie Armstrong, Mattie Barker, Willie Barker, Adolpus Baldwin, John Buxton, Eva DeGarmo, Sammie Dailey, Eva Buxton, Willie Gwaltney, Clarie Lloyd, John Jolly, Millie Gwaltney, Amanda Stites, Grant Mattingly and Julia Stites.

Not tardy were Richard Beeler, Mamie Gwaltney, Willie Atkinson, Nannie Lloyd, John Haynes, John White, James Haynes, Sim White, Richard Jolly, Charlie Bowers, Julia Mattingly, Richard Carter, Katie Mattingly, Henry Clark, Charlie DeGarmo, Willie DeGarmo, John Atkinson and Nettie Atkinson.

J.W. Wisdom is principal.

(Taken from Rockport Journal in 1879.)

Horrible accident

We received the painful intelligence this morning of the death of John Ferguson and the wounding of Robert Alexander. It seems that these gentlemen were riding in a wagon near Gentryville yesterday when a tree fell upon them; killing Mr. Ferguson almost instantly and severely, if not mortally wounding Mr. Alexander. Mr. Ferguson was found dead in the wagon. They both resided in this county, were much respected and both leave families.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 12, 1875.)

Burning of the Steamer Silver Star

Five lives lost—we learn that the Silver Star, of the Evansville, Paducah and Cairo mail line, was burned on last Saturday at six o'clock at the Curlew coal mines on her down trip. It is supposed that the fire originated from a pipe that had fallen among some bailed hay. Five lives were lost. The cargo and boat will prove a total loss. Such was the rapid spread of flames that the officers were unable to save their books and clothing.

The Silver Star was owned by D.G. Fowler and others of Paducah and valued at $9,000. She was insured in Pittsburgh offices to the amount of $6,000.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 19, 1860.)

Queries

Bonnie A. Crago of 5625 Swisshelm Road, Hillsboro, Ohio, 45133, (513) 393-3979, would like to correspond with any descendant of Samuel B. Coombes, born ca1798, died March 6, 1872, and Mary Ann, born ca1796, died April 20, 1856, both buried in Pursell Cemetery, Spencer County, Huff Township. She believes they were the parents of Thomas, Rebecca, Col. E., William and Sarah E. Sarah E. married John E. Brown and are Crago's grandparents.

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'Dead man' returns after 50 years

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Returns after 50 years

Silas Woods, 85, a brother of Joseph Woods of this city, who was thought dead, returned a few days ago, the first time he had been back here in 50 years.

At first "Uncle Joe" failed to recognize him but soon found out that it was his long lost brother. When Silas left, the Woods family was living in Oak Grove neighborhood, to which place they had moved from Jackson Township. Silas was out in Jackson looking up old friends last week. He met John Roberts, with whom he used to play as a child. Mr. Roberts could not think it was Silas Woods. Finally he said, "I remember that Silas when a little chap let a piece of timber fall on his foot, cutting off four toes. If you are Silas you are missing four toes on one foot."

Smiling Silas took off his shoe and sure enough four toes were gone. Then Mr. Roberts felt convinced. The Woods family before the war when Silas left, was Democrat. After they had been together some time, "Uncle Joe" asked Silas his politics.

"Best Republican in the state," said Silas. "No, you're not, I am," returned Uncle Joe.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 30, 1910.)

Drowned in cistern

Mrs. Amos Lemmon, of Rockport, was found by her husband, drowned in a cistern, Tuesday afternoon. The covering of the cistern gaveway under her weight, and being alone in the house, no one heard her give any alarm for rescue.

She was the daughter of the late Morris Sharp and the niece of Col. Jones, of the Rockport Democrat and was happily married about three years ago but leaves no children.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, April 8,d 1882.)

Deputy sheriff marries

Henry Ribkey, our efficient and obliging deputy sheriff, "has been and gone and done it." He was married to Miss E.A. Haag, on Thursday evening, the 17th inst., by the Rev. Reidenbach. No cards. No cake. We tender Mr. Ribkey and his better half our best wishes for their future welfare.

B. Conley Smith did likewise to Miss Lizzie Mossman on the same evening.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, Oct. 23, 1872.)

French Island City

This pleasant little village, situated in the heart of one of the finest farming regions of southern Indiana, seems to be steadily improving. Laid out in 1857, by James W. Lemons, a young man of enterprise and sagacity, it bids fair to become the business point for the opulent farmers of Luce Township.

There are many neat substantial residences in the village besides two large dry goods houses. Mr. Lemons and Mr. Lang, merchants, are both doing an excellent business at French Island City, and are building up for themselves a big trade. Luce Township is one of the best townships for produce in the county. Within a radius of three miles from French Island City, it supports three other villages of considerable sprightliness, viz: Enterprise and Taylorsport, on the river, and one mile apart, and Ureka, three-fourths of a mile south of French Island City. All growing and thriving villages.

(Taken from The Rockport Democrat, March 31, 1860.)

Mr. Procaskey, the candymaker

George Joseph Procaskey—This gentleman had the honor of being born on "The Belle of Rivers," in a storeboat at the Hawesville, Ky., wharf on the 14th day of December 1842. His parents moved immediately after his birth to Evansville where George was apprenticed and learned the trade of baker and candymaker with Henry Hermans.

Mr. Procaskey became identified with the business interest of our city in the year 1868 as a baker and confectioner in which business he still remains. He commenced his business career among us on a very small capital but by the economy and strict attention to business has built a large and lucrative business and surrounds himself with all the necessaries and many of the luxuries of life.

Mr. Procaskey is a man of considerable public spirit and is always among the first to encourage and assist enterprises of whatever character. He speaks fluently the German and English language and is a good conversationalist.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 1, 1876.)

Gentryville death

Died, at his home in Gentryville, Jan. 31, 1904, Orval Sandage, son of William and Parthenia Sandage, aged 14 years. He had been a sufferer of the dreaded disease consumption for several years, and although his sufferings were great, he bore them with remarkable patience, being cheerful until the last. He often spoke of death to those around him, saying he knew he must die and that he did not fear death and was ready to go.

He leaves a father, mother, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his death.

His remains were laid to rest in the Gentryville Cemetery, Monday, Feb. 1.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 12, 1904.)

Queries

Marilyn Johnston of 1309 Highland Drive, Concordia, Kan., 66901 would like information on the Schierbaum family from 1840 on. They lived around Santa Claus and attended the Methodist church. Any help from Spencer County tree climbers?

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

APRIL 30, 1987

Shooting practice leads to near miss

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Almost an accidental killing

Mr. George Vickory and his clerk, Joseph Murray, were practicing with a pistol at a mark in the rear of the store, when the pistol was accidentally discharged in the hands of Mr. Murray, the ball taking effect in Mr. Vickory's head just above the ear ranging forward.

The wound may prove quite painful but is not thought to be at all dangerous. The ball has been extracted and at present he is resting easy.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 12, 1875.)

The Oak Grove tree

A few days ago the monster oak tree, sole survivors of the noble trunks that reared their forms heavenward, after which Oak Grove in this township was named, was cut down at the ripe old age of over 100 years.

It stood near the schoolhouse, and was a well known landmark. A.J. Parsley, who has known the tree his lifetime, brought to The Journal office last Saturday the following notice of the tree that was written by Miss Eva J. Morris:

The Great Oak Tree which stood for 112 years, after which the Oak Grove neighborhood was named, fell on March 8th, never to rise again. It is to be made into lumber and a part will smolder in ashes. Year in and year out it has bowed its head in sunshine and rain, cold and storm. It has witnessed many happy events. Then again it has observed the sorrows of man and no longer will it watch over the people. Our fathers and forefathers played under its branches but it is now only a memory. It slumbered through the winters of a century wakening always in the springtime. This sleep was its last. The church and school will carry its name down to future generations.

NOTE: Sixty-six years later this site is still remembered though the church and school no longer remain. Ancestors buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery will always mark the site of the Oak Grove Tree.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 31, 1911.)

Neighborhood news

The Methodist church grounds above Grandview are undergoing repairs.

A Newtonville woman was badly bitten by a ferocious hog several days ago.

William Ribkey, an aged citizen of Grandview, died last week.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, July 31, 1875.)

Meece-Crawford marriage

On Sunday, the 20th inst., at the ME Church, Buffaloville, by Rev. A.H. McCoy, Benjamin Meece and Miss Elizabeth Crawford were married.

(Taken from Rockport Republican Journal, Dec. 23, 1874.)

Death of James Ferguson

Died, at his residence, in Clay Township, on the 29th day of July, James Ferguson, in his 76th year. He was born in Ireland, Sept. 10, 1814. His parents emigrated to the United States when he was an infant and settled in the State of Ohio, where he grew to manhood.

He was married to Mary Burnsworth, Sept. 18, 1839, there were born to them nine children, six of whom, three sons and three daughters, are still living. He moved to this county in 1843 and settled on the same tract of land on which he died.

He was a kind husband, an affectionate father and a good neighbor. His two older sons volunteered in the Union Army during the late war; one died at Helena, Ark., and the other returned home and died. Brother Ferguson's services were needed at home attending to the wants of the soldiers' families, getting their wood and doing their milling for them. He was a friend in need.

He profused religion Sept. 1857 where the village of Buffaloville now stands and joined the church. He lived a consistent Christian until death leaving a bright evidence behind him of his future happiness. J.H.A.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 8, 1890.)

Volunteers returning

Of Company E 4th Reg. Ind. Volunteers, the following have returned and the rest are expected to return in about two months (to wit): Capt. John W. Crooks, Lieut. C.S. Finch and Lieut. David Davis, Mr. Woods and Clinton Finch.

Lieut. Finch handed us a subjoined list of members of the company who have died since leaving Rockport: A.S. Kennels, John Cotton, P.T. Horton, James Green, James Welch, Samuel Sumner, Esau McIntire, William Cochran, William Mayberry, J.W. McElvsine, D.L. Matthews, David Perry, D.R. Fisher, S.F. Maine, Joseph Crinder and Joseph Powel. They were all young men in the rigor of youth except Crinder and Perry. They were both old men. Perry was under Commodore Perry at the victory of Lake Fria and was a relative of that Renowned Commander.

(Taken from The Planter, April 8, 1848.)

Veterans

Veterans buried in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Gentryville previously omitted are:

Calvin Bench, Robert Blowers Sr., John Brown, Richard Cooper Jr., Harvey Davidson, William R. Grigsby, Earl E. Hale, Hiram Hiley, John Klingensmith, Lytton Benton, Clarence Martin, Roy Madden, Arthur Meece, Joe Meier, Thomas Meyer, Sam Perry Phillips, Jean Reasor, Carl Rice, Olis Rice, Edwin Stephens, Robert R. Thurman, Vaughn Dewitt and Archie Webb.

Corrections: Allie T. Garnett, Loren B. Zella, Richard R. Walker, Sidney R. Barr, Matthew Small and Henry Cross.

Myron Bates is a veteran but not deceased.

Thanks to Frank Crews who spent time checking the list and comparing it to the flag placement list. After doing this, he sent a corrected copy for our files. If more caretakers would assist us in this project, the list would be more accurate. The original listing in 1986 was compiled from many sources, sometimes very incomplete and full of mistakes, as you can see.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Rues hold family reunion in 1936

Rue Reunion

On Sunday, Sept. 20, the various members of the Rue families held a picnic at the Lincoln Park in honor of Florence Partridge and Lizzie Patmore of Coupeville, Wash., who are here for an indefinite visit with relatives and friends.

The following persons were present: Florence Partridge, Lizzie Patmore, Sallie Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. George Richey, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rue, Mr. and Mrs. John Rue, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wooley, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Richey and sons, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Rue, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bays, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Trinkle and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Mead and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lloyd and son, Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rue and sons,

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Patmore and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. P.R. Forthman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Forthman and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bird Rue and daughters, John Forthman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patmore and son, Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Crosley, Rona Robinson and son, Ward Patmore, Pauline Trinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Painter and son, Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor and son, George Young, Gene Huser, Sarah Boyles and Lida Thurman.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 23, 1936.)

David Walter

Age 69 years, born in Jessamine County, Ky., Jan. 31, 1802, near Shakertown on 'Kentuck' River. Left there in the same family moving boat with the late William G. Thomas, formerly sheriff of Spencer County, who with his family, consisting of wife of John F. Thomas, George Thomas, and the present wife of C.J. Mason, Esq. were seeking the Northwestern Territory with intent to establish a home there; had no trouble from Indians; reached Louisville, Ky., and didn't come through the canal; no sign of settlement above Beargrass Creek; made the trip over the Falls, medium stage of water, without peril; recollects one incident which happened while passing over the Falls--white man, drunk, fell off the boat, slave caught him by the hair and kept him from drowning.

Landed at Yellow Banks, Ky., (now Owensboro) on Feb. 29 and cutting out again, landed at head of French Island, by moonshine on March 1, 1820. Remained there three years. Returned to Kentucky and remained about a year. Again came to French Island and was married in 1826 to Amy Edwards, near Corn Island in Spencer County. Moved to Luce Township in 1832, and has lived in Luce Township ever since that time. Remembers many interesting incidents as to judiciary, etc, but has not time to furnish them now.

(Taken from The Democrat, April 15, 1871.)

Susan Heady of Oakland dies

Near Oakland, Spencer County, Ind., April 22, 1874, Susan Heady (wife of Esq. Heady, deceased) aged 76 years. Mrs. Heady, whose maiden name was Cotton, was born in Nelson County, Ky., in 1798, came to Spencer County in 1819 professed faith in Christ in 1812 at the age of 14, and ever after lived pious and consistent. Through all her Christian warfare which lasted over 62 years she "fought a good fight and kept the faith."

She was more than ordinarily intelligent, delighted much in reading the scriptures of devine truth. The Bible was emphatically her book to the last, in her more palmly days a good worker in the Sabbath school and while her health permitted her seat was seldom vacant in the house of worship.

When nearly incapable of walking she would still totter on her staff to the place of worship. She was remarkable in the attentions of the sick. These she did not suffer herself to neglect. Around the couch of the afflicted she would linger with the most unremitting case, ever ready to minister to their spiritual and temporal comfort. Though she was called to pass through the dreary scenes of widowhood for more than 29 years, in the gloomy paths of adversity and in the sunny walks of prosperity she was the same genial sympathizing Christian.

She was the mother of 11 children, she saw her husband and five of them laid in the grave. She murmurred not at this dispensation or providence but calmly said the will of God be done. Most of the surviving children are apparently following the footsteps of the mother to a better inheritance. As a member of the M.E. Church, she was consistent and respectible, as wife and mother she was kind and affectionate, as neighbor and friend accommodating and benevolent almost to fault. When the taper of life burned out, surrounded by children and friends, calmly and peacefully she went forth to meet the Master.

J.A. Pinkston

(Taken from Rockport Journal. July 22, 1874.)

Queries

Huber D. Richards of P.O. Box 141, Rockport, Ind., 47635 is looking for any information about Flora Jackson, who lived in Rockport in the 1920s and was born in Kentucky. Her maiden name was Richards.

Mary Jane Zellers of Route 6, Box 167, Rochester, Ind., 46975 is interested in the old Dawson School. She feels sure it was located on land owned by Albert G. Dawson, her great-grandfather. Would the present owners let her know if there are any bricks or possibly a cornerstone. She is also requesting a photo of the old school if any are available.

Note: The time of the Spencer County Historical Society meetings has been changed to 7 for the summer meetings.

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Seen in a cemetery

Take a walk through the cemetery alone and you will pass the resting place of a man who looked into a muzzle of a gun to see if it was loaded. A little further down the slope is a crank who tried to show how close he could stand to a moving train while it passed.

In strolling about you will see the monument of the hired girl who tried to start the fire with kerosene and a grass covered knoll that covers the boy who tickled the mule's tail. That tall shaft over a man who blew out the gas casts a shadow over the boy who tried to get on a moving train. Side by side the pretty creature who always had her corset laced in the last hole and the intelligent idiot who rode a bicycle nine miles in 10 minutes, sleep unmolested.

At repose is a doctor who took a dose of his own medicine. There with a shoe box over his head is a rich old man who married a young wife. Away over there reposes a boy who went fishing on Sunday and the woman who kept strynine powders in the cupboard. The man who stood in front of the mowing machine to oil the sickle is quiet now and rests beside the careless brakeman who fed himself to the 70-ton engine and nearby may be seen the grave of the man who tried to whip the editor.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 9, 1914.)

Death of Fannie L. Burdick

Last Tuesday night at 10 o'clock, death entered the home of John Burdick and took from their midst his loving wife, Fannie L. Burdick.

Fannie was born Feb. 23, 1871, aged 32 years, 11 months, 16 days. She was married to John S. Burdick Feb. 6, 1889. To this union two children were born, Joseph E. and Daisy B. Burdick, both of whom survive. She was the oldest daughter of Richard M. and Mary T. Parsley.

She was converted and joined the church at Oak Grove at the age of 14, in the year 1885, under the ministry of the Rev. Lester. She had lived a faithful, consistent Christian and was ready and willing when the summons came to call her home.

She leaves father, mother, two brothers, one sister, a husband and two children, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn our loss. Funeral services were held at Shiloh at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, conducted by the Rev. Godby.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping, Feb. 17, 1904.)

Rockport libraries

We have no less than three public libraries in this town, of about 1,200 inhabitants. Many choice books are in these libraries, the use of which can be had for the trifling charge of 25 cents a year. No man can be excused on the plea of ignorance in Rockport, for we have three libraries, three schools, two printing offices and seven mail arrivals.

(Taken from The Planter, May 5, 1855.)

Invention of musical instrument

Little Pigeon item

We have quite a genius in our neighborhood. One of our boys, Robbie Rue, has invented and made a machine by which he plays mandolin, guitar, violin, and auto harp all at once. It is wonderful and he is receiving applause on all sides. I was told he took in $17 at an entertainment recently. He has no patent as yet.

(Taken from Tell City Tribune, April 4, 1913.)

County items by Fairfield

Richard Brown took ground as coroner Sept. 27, 1822. William Bennett, the father of James P. qualified as coroner May 19, 1819. Abraham Hornback succeeded him after the next general election. He having qualified Oct. 1, 1819.

Uriah Lamar, father of Alfred Lamar, of Grandview, qualified as sheriff Sept. 2, 1822 and again on Sept. 12, 1834.

Thomas Clay of Kentucky emancipated six slaves on Feb. 28, 1833 and the slaves and deed emancipating them, reached Indiana soon afterwards.

David Edwards, was on of the first sheriffs of Spencer County. He was commissioned by Jonathan Jennings, then Governor of the state, and filed his bond as such sheriff Oct. 5, 1818.

John Pitcher of Mount Vernon (now Hon. JP) entered upon discharge of duties of sheriff Sept. 15, 1826. He had nine securities on his official bond, all of whom are now dead. The memory of ex-sheriff Pitcher is cherished by old residents.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, April 22, 1874.)

Two deaths in Spencer County

Capt. Alfred Myler of near Grandview, an old and well-known citizen of Spencer County, died Thursday, Dec. 17, 1896, at his home, age 87 years. He was captain of Co. C 42nd Ind. Vol. during the late war.

Dr. H.A. Lee was shot by Theodore Dilger at the home of Dilger, at Liberal, Spencer County, Wednesday morning last week. Lee died in a few hours.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Jan. 1, 1897.)

Queries

Doris R. Olds of 107 Bougainvillia Drive, Leesburg, Fla., 32748, would like to hear from other researchers on Andrew and Nancy Woods from Ohio Township, Spencer County. They were here between 1850 and 1860.

Mildred J. Burdge of 9236 Shady Dale, St. Louis, Mo., 63136, would like help on the Kincaid or Kinkade family. They were here in 1870 with four daughters. The daughters didn't marry in Spencer County so she assumes they moved on. Anyone know more?

County Can Boast A Benedictine Archabbey

Spencer County can lay claim to being one of the two counties on the entire American continent containing a Benedictine monastery with the rank of Archabbey. Actually there are only six other monasteries in the world thus honored.

The internationally known Archabbey of St. Meinrad has been a magnet attracting thousands to the hills of Southern Indiana. During its century of prayer and work the most spectacular influx of visitors to its hallowed grounds was during Fatima Week in 1948 when an estimated 125,000 pilgrims arrived to pray for world peace.

Many other religious solemnities and conventions have drawn thousands of visitors to the hilltop cloister. The most recent gathering of such nature took place in October 1954 when the Benedictine monks of St. Meinrad were joined by the largest group of Catholic Church dignitaries ever in Southern Indiana in singing a tremendous tribute of thanksgiving to God for a century of spiritual and material progress.

The life of learning and sanctity has attracted hundreds to the Spencer County monastery; some for permanent residence, as in the case of the 275 men there who came to be Benedictine monks, and others for a temporary residence of twelve years, as in the case of the 677 seminarians preparing for the work of a diocesan priest in one of the 33 states represented in the current seminary enrollment. Not only from the U. S. but from far away lands like Vietnam, China, Hungary, Costa Rica, Panama and the Hawaiian Islands have come men who are now numbered as "Sons of St. Meinrad."

Although for the most part cloistered, the Benedictine monks also engage in an active apostolate both within and without the borders of Spencer County. Some of the Fathers serve as pastors and assistants in neighboring parishes; many serve as occasional assistants, retreat masters, and preachers; and nearly all of them help out in Tri-State parishes during Christmas and Easter. One Father, an army chaplain, is a veteran of Korea and was recently assigned to Germany. Other members of the Archabbey are in Rome and Paris for the sake of studies.

By means of pamphlets, books and a monthly magazine published at the monastery printing plant, the name of St. Meinrad is also carried far and wide.

Then too, it has been one of the greatest glories of the Archabbey that it has been able to send monks to start new foundations in other states. Monasteries in Arkansas, Louisiana, Illinois, and South Dakota speak of St. Meinrad Archabbey as their motherhouse.

Sandstone quarried on the monastery property has been used in the construction of not only the major buildings at St. Meinrad but also in the building of the Illinois and South Dakota Abbeys as well as many churches and residences in this area. The monks also maintain a large farm, dairy, beef cattle ranch, power plant, and many utility shops.

The monastery is under the direction of the Rt. Rev. Archabbot Ignatius Esser, O. S. B., fourth Abbot and first native Hoosier elected to the abbatial office. On March 11, 1955, the Archabbot will reach the twenty-five year mark in his fruitful administration.

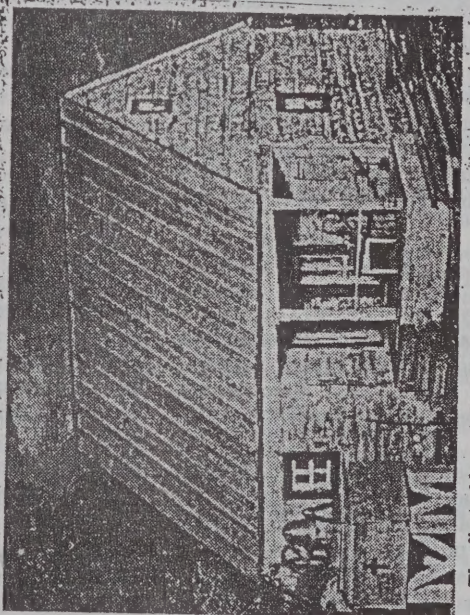
The Benedictine Order dates back to the sixth century, when the Holy Patriarch built the Abbey of Monte Cassino, a few miles southeast of Rome. From Italy it spread throughout Europe. In the ninth century, a holy monk of the Abbey of Reichenau, St. Meinrad, left the regular observance and lived the life of a hermit in the dense forests of Switzerland. After his death, the Abbey of Maria Einsiedeln was built near the hermitage.

In 1854 monks from Maria Einsiedeln founded the Abbey of St. Meinrad in southern Indiana. Once firmly established in America, the Order quickly spread to all parts of the country.

The location of St. Meinrad in the flowing hills of the countryside is conducive to a monastic life based on prayer. In the early hours of the morning the monks rise and begin their sevenfold service of praise at Matins. The liturgical day, continuing on through the Little Hours, Vespers and Compline, is inter-woven with labor to bring peace to the toiling monks at nightfall.

St. Meinrad's Abbey carries on traditional Benedictine activity in America. Its pioneer days are over, yet to reach that mellow maturity so necessary for an Abbey to fulfil its monastic mission various developments are still necessary.

ST. MEINRAD ABBEY



The first abbey at St. Meinrad in 1854 was housed in a building of which the above is a replica.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MAy 28, 1987

Seventh generation drinks from spring

Family tradition

On last Sunday, Mrs. Roy Deeg, formerly Miss Roy Mattingley, and her brother, Ray Mattingley, who lives in Kentucky, were at the W.E. Squires' and the babies drank water from a spring on Squires' place; formerly the Nancy Johnson place.

The children were the seventh generation to drink from that spring, the first was Robert Montgomery, the second his daughter, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, the third her daughter, Aunt Rebecca Nunn, fourth her daughter, Malissa Squire, Uncle Wes Squire's wife, fifth her daughter, Julia Mattingley, sixth her son, Ray Mattingley, seventh his baby, Julia May, also his sister, Mrs. Roy Deeg, and her daughter, Georgia Deeg.

The spring is all that is left of the old landmarks on this farm. The storm this summer blew down the balance of the old Balm of Gilead tree that was left after the lightning of the previous summer which tore it up so and the timbers that were in the Squires' barn that was blown down that formerly stood near this spring.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 9, 1914.)

Obituary

Maranda E. (Hall) Reynolds was born Aug. 22, 1849, near Knottsville, Daviess County, Ky. She was the daughter of Harmon and Eliza Jane Hall.

Having lost her mother in early childhood, she resided with the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betsey Proctor until her marriage to Oscar Reynolds, June 8, 1869.

She united with the ME church at the age of 16 and always lived the life of a true and devoted Christian. She died Aug. 4, 1904, at her home near Lewisport, Ky., aged 54 years, 11 months and 12 days.

She leaves a husband, five daughters and six sons and one sister, Miss Mollie Hall, of this place, to mourn her loss besides a number of relatives in this county.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 12, 1904.)

Rockport Business 1877
Professionals

Dr. E.D. Ehrman, Homeopathic Physician, Rockport, In.; T.F. and C.R. DeBruler, Attorneys at Law, Rockport, In.; Charles L. Wedding, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Rockport, In.; George Reinhard and Elbert Swan, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Rockport, In.; W.H. Thomas, Attorney and Counselor at Law, Rockport, In.; H.M. Logston, Attorney at Law, Rockport, In.; J.H. Walker, Mammoth Grocery Store, Rockport, In.; P.H. Talbot, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, Clocks.

(Taken from The Dailey Hornet, Dec. 28, 1877, published by Dillon and Willian Ed. Dillion, editor.)

Death in 1864

On Tuesday, the 8th inst., of pneumonia, James Williamson, son of General SD Williamson--aged about 30 years. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Rockport Cemetery, on Wednesday, the 9th.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 12, 1864.)

Queries

Mrs. Harvey Davidson of Box 237, Farmland, Ind., 47340, desires any information on these two couples or their descendants--both marriages in Spencer County: William F. Williams to Dicie A. Chinn, Sept. 2, 1875, marriage date; Jacob Andrew Rinnert to Flora Jane Chinn, March 2, 1886, marriage date.

Know your name
Oskin, Hoskin[s]

The primary origin of this name was English. There were many Scandinavian compound names in use in early England which began with the prefix Os-, such as, Oswald (god ruler). Osmond, (god protector), and Oswin (god friend). These names could have been cradle or descriptive names bestowed on chiefs.

The shortening of these compound names to Oss and Ossie was inevitable. The addition to the shortened form of the diminutive suffix-kin gave the meaning "little Oss" or "son of Ossie." Similar names in use today are Lambkin, Watkin and Wilkin, all meaning "little lamb," etc.

In England, the single name Osekin appears in London in 1724, and Robert Osekin lives there at the same time. Peter Osekyn lives in Essex in 1306. In certain sections, words beginning with an "O" are frequently pronounced with an "H" sound (aspiration). Thus some of the Oskins became Hoskins. Thomas Hoskyn lives in Berkshire in 1463 and William Hoskin lived in Kent in 1472.

In France, the word OSTE meaning "hotel, inn-keeper" had the diminutive--in added to OSTIN. This could be confused with the above.

In the 1884 edition of Burke's General Armory, available in most city libraries, gives the description of the various arms on pages 509-10. The glossary on page xxviii might help you draw your own arms.

(Sunday Advocate Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 15, 1967.)

Volume II, Spencer County, Ind., Cemetery Inscriptions is available at the Rockport library during regular hours. Pre-publication orders can be picked up with your receipt and additional books are available for $22. This book contains all of Luce and Ohio Township Cemeteries.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Hatfield resident dies in 1934

Polly A. Miller dies

Polly A. Miller, daughter of Sylvester and Alice Evans, was born near Hatfield June 21, 1871, where she grew to womanhood. She was married to Charles A. Miller April 3, 1895.

To this union were born three daughters, Neva M., Beatrice A. and Lola I., who with the husband, nine grandchildren and one brother, Holland Evans, of Hatfield, survive.

In poor health for years, she suffered a sudden collapse Wednesday and passed away Friday morning at 2 o'clock, at the age of 62 years, 9 months and 15 days.

She was converted and joined the church in her youth. After her marriage she became a member of the Fairview U.B. Church later transferring her membership to the Chrisney U.B. Church. There she labored diligently in the Master's work as much as her frail health permitted, serving at various times as secretary and treasurer of the Ladies Aid and several years as class leader. A sincere Christian, she daily exemplified in her life those things that were good. Daily she walked with Jesus and sought strength and knowledge from the reading of her Bible.

A good wife, a loving mother, grandmother and sister, and a thoughtful neighbor, she ever sought to do that which was kind, good and just. After life's fitful fever she sleeps well, safe in the hands of Jesus.

Note: Died April 6, 1934, buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun.)

1850 mortality schedule

Deaths the year prior to census taking in 1850.

Grass Township

Sarah A. Pinkston, 28 yr., M8, Dec. B, Warrick County; Caleb M. Lindsey, 7 mo., 10, July, Spencer County; Rebecca Welch, 1 yr, July 4, born in Spencer County; Josephine Lemons, 1 yr, Aug. 22, born in Warrick County; Rebecca J. Carter, 1 yr., Sept. 26, born in Spencer County; Daniel Beeler, 1 mo., April 14, born in Spencer County;

Catherine Hale, 75 yr., July 28, born in Virginia; Amanda Davis, 3 yr., Aug. 16, born in Spencer County; Samuel Gentry, 66 yr, W April 8, born in South Carolina; Susanah Gentry, 69 yr, M Nov., born in Virginia; Welthy A. Chapman, 4 yr., Aug. 24, born in Spencer County; George Reck, 29 yr., April, born in Ohio; Olevia Williams, 35 yrs., M June 8, born in Massachusetts; Tabitha Bryant, 86 yr., W Oct. 14, born in Virginia; M-married, W-widow(er), B-born, dates are death.

Enterprise News

We want to call your Lake Mill correspondents' attention to some earlier history than he had in his write up of the location of the first mill owners at Lake Mill.

In the year 1838 William Allen Sr., father of Mrs. A. Dodds and Louisa Allen and all the Allens who have lived in or near Enterprise since that time, came here from New Richmond and Cincinnati, Ohio, bringing with him I think among the first steam saw and grist mills ever set up in Spencer County, which he installed here at Enterprise until his death which occurred in the year 1842.

The administrators sold the mill outfit at public sale to John and Henry Shoptaugh of Lake, Ind., who ran the mill for some years and sawed the most of the lumber used to build most of the houses in this part of the country at that time, sawing on days when they were not busy grinding wheat and corn for the fast increasing population moving into Spencer County at that time from Hamilton and Claremont counties, Ohio, and states east and south of Indiana.

The Writers' first visit to that mill was in 1853. It was run at that time, if my memory is correct, by the Shoptaugh Brothers. In those early days in 1830 when the writer's father settled this town and opened out the first merchantile business in Luce Township, the trees were cut away to make room for our dwelling and store house. My father and Mr. Allen died in early life, martyrs to the upbuilding of Spencer County, when malarial fever and chills laid many of the residents in their graves. Those two friends lie today near each other in the Bakers Creek Graveyard.

By Anthony Dodds

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 13, 1914.)

News of 1875

Col. Calvin Jones left this morning for Evansville.

The vote at the fair for the most popular gentleman is in favor of Henry Romig so far.

On Friday evening, there will be a Leap Year Party given at the residence of Mrs. L.Q. DeBruler.

Both coaches were filled today with visitors to the fair from Harrison Township.

Dr. Hoaghland suggests that "If a man takes to cough-an very often, he will take a coffin go go off in."

Come to the Fair tonight. It only costs 10 cents and a few of the hall decorations are well worth the money.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 30, 1875.)

Queries

Dan Kemp of 304 West First Street, Davenport, Iowa, 52804, is trying to locate a book for purchasing. The title is "History of Duff" by Judge Hugo Songer. He would also like information about the new history of Huntingburg by the above author.

Rockport Democrat

Feb 1955

Brief History Of Midway Churches

(By Mrs. Walter F. Meyer)

Midway Evangelical United Brethren Church

This class was organized in the spring of 1886 at McCoy school house, 3 miles north of Midway, following a revival conducted by A. B. Condo, which resulted in 61 conversions.

There were 53 charter members. They purchased ground from Mr. John Magee in Midway in 1895 under the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Arford and erected a frame building which was dedicated in June 1896. This building was used for 56 years.

Work was begun on the basement of the new church October 2, 1951 and members were able to hold services in the basement by Nov. 5, 1952. The church was completed and ready for service by March 22, 1953 and was dedicated April 12, 1953. A note-burning to commemorate the freeing of the debt was held Nov. 7, 1954.

Rev. Marshall Gregory is the present pastor.

Midway Presbyterian

The Midway Presbyterian church was erected in the fall of 1871. After the dedication the church was on the Rockport circuit until 1873 when it was organized under the name of the Midway Presbyterian church. There were 26 members and 4 elders.

Rev. William G. White was the first minister and services were held for several years until the membership became so small it was decided to disband the church.

On October 11, 1945, ten members met in a special meeting and decided to sell the church. On Jan. 2, 1946, the deed was written and signed transfering the property to the United Brethren church trustees. It was later torn down and some of the material used to build the Evangelical United Brethren parsonage.

Midway Tabernacle

Midway Tabernacle was built in 1948 as an open-air meeting place where the gospel of Christ could be preached and community gatherings could be held. It was enclosed in 1949 so these meetings could be held any time of the year.

It was remodeled into a church in 1953 to be used solely for the cause of Christ and the salvation of any who desire to be saved.

It was dedicated to God and His cause July 11, 1954. Rev. C. E. Fisher of Chandler was guest speaker.

Charter members were received and several were baptized July 18, 1954.

It stands for the purpose in which it was dedicated.

The present pastor is Rev. John Eck who says, "We welcome any one into our services to worship God with us."

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Baker's wife dies at Rockport

Baker's wife dies at Rockport

. Mrs. Jacob J. Wetzel passed away at 6:45 last Friday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Mulhall on Elm Street. She had been ill 10 days following a stroke of paralysis.

Mrs. Wetzel, who was 62 years of age, was born near Tell City. Her maiden name was Anna Daming. She was married to Jacob Wetzel May 28, 1884, in Louisville, Ky. In 1886 they removed to Rockport where they have since resided and reared a family of children.

Mrs. Wetzel is survived by her husband, seven children, William H., Mrs. Minnie Mulhall, Mrs. Anna Burdick, Mrs. Gertrude Wathen, and Leo, all of Rockport, Mrs. Rose Cape of Middletown, Ohio, and Henry of Indianapolis. She leaves also two sisters and six brothers, Mrs. M. Vogelsang of Rockport, Mrs. Minnie Schlahter of Tell City, Will Daming of New Albany, Carl Daming west of Rockport, Rudolph, Henry, Frank, Andrew Daming, all of Tell City.

The funeral services were held at eight o'clock last Monday morning from St. Bernard's Catholic Church, conducted by the Rev. A.J. Bastnagle. The remains were buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

Note: Sent by Dorothy Savage of Clinton, Ind., who sends additional information as follows:

Grandfather's bakery was in Wetzel's Cafe. William Henry Wetzel born 1885. One child died in infancy. All the other children took turns helping in the bakery and even delivering bread by walking all over Rockport. Bread was five cents per loaf or six for 25 cents. Mrs. Wetzel died in 1924. Her husband died in 1926.

To mark grave

Of only man killed by Indians in Spencer County. Monument will be erected in Luce Township.

The citizens of Luce Township have taken to raise money by popular subscription to place a monument at the grave of Atha Meeks, the only man killed by the Indians in Spencer County, so far as known.

He was killed in 1811 and buried near where Lake Drain empties into Pigeon Creek, but the grave was unmarked. Aaron Meeks of Newtonville, a great-grandson of the man killed, has located the grave, and the citizens of Luce Township have undertaken the erection of a monument at the grave to cost about $100. An iron fence will also be placed around the grave. It is located on Dr. Jolly's farm and he will donate the land.

Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 11, 1916.)

Can anyone show the society members where this monument and fence are located? Did the citizens ever erect such a monument? Please contact Sharon Patmore at 362-7268 or Kris Manley at 362-8256. Thanks!

Poem to Gresham by Beatrice Goldie Former Rockport girl, moved by Honig's Bust, writes "The Soul of a Hero."

A taste of how literature and art for the centuries to come are to be affected by the events of the great war is forcibly impressed to us in Evansville by two art productions in this field which have been completed recently.

The first is a plaque in bas relief of James Bethel Gresham, finished in plaster of Paris by the sculptor, George Honig. It is nine inches by twelve, oblong, and the portrait is in oval, and after the Williams painting. Gresham is shown in campaign hat and in the background is the American eagle, with the flag. Inscribed around this oval are the words: "James Bethel Gresham, First American Soldier to die in France."

One hundred of these plaques have just been delivered by Mr. Honig to the Blount Plow works, where Gresham was once employed. Part of them are finished in bronze effect. Simultaneous with the completion of this plaque has come a poem, "The Soul of a Hero," from the pen of Mme. Beatrice Goldie, a former Rockport girl, now a singer of New York. It was suggested by Mr. Honig's marble bust, from which this plaque was made. The poem follows:

The Soul of a Hero

Chisel his face with care, oh sculptor,
And study each feature well
For his was the soul of a hero
A soldier who fought and fell.
There on the field of France, oh sculptor
In slumbers deep he lay
While the roaring guns and screaming shells
Continue their havoc to play.
His part the life to give, oh sculptor
As part of the battle's toll!
The years may go, but his name may live
With those of the honor roll.
Then chisel his face with care, oh sculptor
And study each feature well
For his was the soul of a hero
A soldier who fought and fell.

Beatrice Goldie

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, June 28, 1918.)

Soldier update

The soldier list was updated from April 1, 1987. Please send names of soldiers in your family that were omitted from the Memorial listing in 1986. We will try to publish a complete list again in 1988.

Grass Township--James Heady, Keith Kramer, Louis Frank, C.A. Ward,. William Dockemeyer, William Martin, Simon Seger, C.W. Springston, J. Kenneth Roth, Isaac Nix, Uyual Jones and Kenneth Evans.

Hammond Township--Paul Chapman and Dennis Blake.

Ohio Township--Thomas P. Huff, DeWayne G. Weber and Louis Skelton Sr.

Jackson Township--John W. Klingensmith and Joseph Meier.

Luce Township--Clarence McFall Jr.

Harrison Township--Clarence Zoglman.

Cynthia H. Mills, an old pioneer, dies in 1915

June 25, 1987

An Old Pioneer gone

Mrs. Cynthia H. Mills, widow of Moses Mills was buried at Shiloh Cemetery last Saturday afternoon. J M Daniel, pastor of the Baptist Church at this place, conducted the funeral.

Cynthia H. Mills was born in Perry County, Indiana, April 3, 1833. She was a member of the great Hicks family which was one of the pioneer families of Southern Indiana. James H. Hicks and his wife, Susannah, came to this state from North Carolina. He lived a long life and Susannah died at the age of 92 years or more. Their grandchildren numbered 80, their great-grandchildren numbered 170.

Cynthia was a member of a family of 13, seven boys and six girls. Three of her brothers and one nephew were ministers. Lowry and Ephriam still survive their sister.

May 28, 1863 Cynthia Hicks and Moses Mills were married. To them were born two boys and five girls. Four daughters, Susie, Mary, Josie and Belle and one son, J.H., are living and were at the burial of their mother. Moses and Cynthia Mills were members of the Deer Creek Baptist Church. All their children are members of Baptist churches.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 24, 1915.)

Enterprise

Our thoughts have recently been called to what seems to be a horrible practice. We have in mind a graveyard located in or near the middle of a big farm in which lay the mortal remains of the man who "entered" this land from the government and his family are all lying by the side of that grand old citizen whom the whole community of Spencer County was proud to claim as their friend. They were glad to pay homage to him and his family.

Today the gravestones over their graves have been torn down and piled up as rubbish and the plow and the reaper pass over the last resting place of the former owner of the land. It seems horrible to us.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 21, 1917.)

Marriage in Evansville

Ivan Shrode and Edith Leonard were married in Evansville As both have relatives in th city visit led to no surmise of mat intent and when each came h one was wise.

The news at last became and they are receiving con tions from friends. Both a known and popular and hav friends to wish them well.

(Taken from The Monito 15, 1917.)

Query

Dianne Fahr, Waterca Plymouth, 1100 W. Jeffer Plymouth, Ind., 46563, is try trace the family of George 1810-65. His wife was Louisa needs the children. Can some Carter Township people help h?

July 2, 1987

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Undertaker exhumes body buried in 1852

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

A body exhumed

Last Monday Charles Mayhall, undertaker, exhumed the body of Margaret Bennett buried May 20, 1852, on the old Bennett farm, south of where Jacob McIntire lives three miles west of this city, and buried it on the lot where her daughter, Charlotte Pullen, is buried at Shiloh.

She was buried in a metal casket, and men repairing the public road struck the casket with a scraper and broke a hole in it. Township trustee Atkinson ordered the body removed to Shiloh and reburied.

Her husband, William Bennett, was buried by her side in a wooden casket the same year, but nothing of his remains could be found. They were the parents of the later J.P. Bennett, for many years a Justice of the Peace in this city. His mother, whose remains were removed was born March 18, 1790.

Mr. Mayhall says the casket was not opened, but through the hole made by the scraper the white clothing worn by the corpse could be seen in a good state of preservation, but the odor from the body was so offensive that a team of horses would not pass until the body was removed.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 13, 1917.)

All about the casket

The casket containing the body of Mrs. Margaret Bennett, buried 65 years ago and was reburied two weeks ago, illustrated the idea of long ago.

It was metal and was made just large enough to contain the body. It was rounded, containing no angles. The lid was raised so as to fit the face, then tapered small for the neck. It was raised again to make room for the arms folded across the breast and again tapered smaller until it reached the feet. Here it was raised again to make sufficient room for the feet.

It was air tight preserving the body and clothing from decay through the decades since they were laid away. The form of the above described must have been common then but today is curio of long past days. (It is said that Mrs. Bennett died in an insane asylum at Indianapolis and the casket was no doubt furnished by the state.-Ed.)

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 27, 1917.)

Enterprise

We notice that friends are still burying their loved ones in the Baker Creek burying ground. Twenty years ago, while a large crowd of relatives and friends met there to clear off the ground, the Rev. T.J. Bennett in a few remarks on that occasion, standing in the middle of the cemetery, said:

"If all the loved ones buried here could arise, this congregation would have to back out of this cemetery to give room to our departed relatives and friends."

He also remarked that the graveyard was full to overflowing and questioned if there could be any other grave dug there without disturbing the remains of some one's departed relative. In all conscience do not bury on and in that already overfull, hallowed ground, where lie the mortal remains of Luce Township's founders and earliest settlers.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 14, 1916.)

Egnew School District

John Bell and family took dinner with Aaron Baum and family Sunday.

R. Vesper Egnew was in Oakland City Thursday and attended the Commencement while there and returned home for the weekend.

Mrs. Henry Kregie and daughter, Lorene, were in Evansville one day last week. Mrs. Kregie was having her eyes tested.

Allen Ryan and wife of Chrisney were seen driving in this vicinity Sunday evening.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, June 19, 1931.)

Money dear and cheap

Money is cheap now, but it was dear in 1896, as the following will show. (For fun, I added 1987.)

Sugar in 1896 was six cents, 10 cents in 1917 and 38 cents in 1987 on sale; a broom was 25 cents in 1896, 75 cents in 1917, $5.99 in 1987; rice by the pound was four cents in 1896, 12½ cents in 1917, and $1.05 in 1987; tea by the pound was 35 cents in 1896, 75 cents in 1917, and $4.95 in 1987; oatmeal was two cents in 1896; 6½ cents in 1917, and $1.19 in 1987; eggs a dozen was 7½ cents in 1896; 36 cents in 1917, and 85 cents in 1987; ham a pound was eight cents in 1896, 35 cents in 1917, and $1.59 in 1987; bacon a pound was seven cents in 1896, 35 cents in 1917, and $1.59 on sale in 1987; beans a pound was one cent in 1896, 15 cents in 1917, and 47 cents in 1987.

Prices—W.H. Biedenkopf, 1896 and 1917.

(Taken from The Monitor, Oct. 18, 1917.)

Names with meaning

Barker--English--One who prepares leather with bark, a tanner.

Meeks--English--The mild or humble person.

Query

Robert L. Roby Sr. of Box 252, Route 3, Augusya, Kan., 67010, said his grandfather, John N. McCandless was born May 4, 1829 and was a farmer in Spencer County when he was inducted as a private in Co. F. 58th Reg. Ind. Inf. on Oct. 9, 1861 (North Army). He would like any information on his family. The name could be spelled several ways; McAnlas, Mcanlass, McKanlas, Etc.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

High school freshman breaks arm

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Breaks arm

Raymond Beren, freshman in the high school, met with a painful accident Sunday afternoon about 4:40 o'clock.

While riding a bicycle belonging to Leonard Doyle, he lost control of the wheel and ran into an embankment, falling to the ground. Several boys who were with him at the time went to his assistance and were shocked to learn his arm was broken. He was taken to Dr. Bean's office where the broken limb was reset and bandaged, and though suffering considerable pain he is getting along nicely.

Young Beren is making his home with his uncle, David Beren, while attending school here.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Oct. 20, 1922.)

Letter from 1887

Several years ago Mrs. Jessie Fueger acquired a number of old Chrisney Suns which were being destroyed after that newspaper was discontinued at Chrisney. She went through the editions, carefully clipping out, labeling and dating all the information she thought would be valuable in a historic sense during the years to come.

One of the most interesting of her collection, she believes, is a letter written by Gentry Giles, a prominent Grass Township resident, to Joseph C. Chrisney, publisher of the Chrisney Sun.

The letter, because of its length, was published in installments, the first appearing Sept. 29, 1887. In the letter, Mr. Giles tells how he settled in the township in 1835 when the largest section of the township was an unbroken wilderness. Often on deer drives, he would stop at the "Big Spring" for a drink of water, little thinking that he would live to see the day when the iron horse would slack its thirst at the same fountain.

He told how he had driven the game in the forest and how the same locality was later to be the seat of the big Spencer County Fair. He also reminisced on his old acquaintances among whom were Irvin Goodman, Thomas Hackelman, Samuel P. Wilkinson, James Harris and James Hale, all of whom had long since passed to the silent shores of the great beyond.

He remembered seeing and talking with the man after whom the township was named, old Uncle Daniel Grass, and related some tales he had heard about him.

As the letter progressed, Giles spoke of his good friend James Lankford, James and Ephraim Hale, William Allensworth, William Shrode and Robert Kennedy. He told how James Langford had first settled in a cave in Ohio Township before moving to Grass Township. He also told of the massacre of the Meeks family by the Indian Sattertown (Set-te-tah) which is familiar to all historians.

He told how the bridle paths followed by him when he was young, had turned into splendid wagon roads. The only trading point was Rockport until George Meyer bought land and opened a store. Mr. Giles' letter was concluded on Nov. 10, 1887.

Note: According to the history of Spencer County published in 1885, Giles Gentry was a native of Bullitt County, Ky., having been born there Dec. 8, 1819. He came with his family to Spencer County and on May 11, 1845 married Elizabeth Hackelman, who died in Sept. 1864 after bearing 11 children. In April 1866, he married Ellen C. Meeks who bore him eight children. She died in March 1884. Mary Hasenmyer became his third wife in September 1884.

According to the history, Mr. Giles had the respect of all who knew him, owned 600 acres of good land, was a staunch Democrat and a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

Cemetery Volume I shows Gentry, Elizabeth, Casey (Ellen) Giles along with several children buried at Hackelman Cemetery in Grass Township.

(Reprinted from Chrisney Sun, Feb. 13, 1959.)

Query

Mrs. Norman Sanders of 1615 Perryville Road, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 63701, needs information for a church history. She is looking for the parents of Edward A. Jordan born Jan. 14, 1879, married Addie Real in 1897. Any information would be appreciated.

July 16, 1987

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Spencer County man hanged in 1895

Jesse H. Jones, son of Charles Jones, of near Eureka, who was tried on charges of murder of the Hibdon brothers, at Ozark, Ark., February 1894, was found guilty on murder in first degree, on his second trial. Jess is about 24 years old and always bore a good name at his home (Spencer County).

(Taken from Boonville Standard, March 22, 1895.)

Sheriff Nunn, received a letter one day last week, signed Jesse Hibdon, stating he had read Jesse Jones of Spencer County was under death sentence for the murder of him and his brother, Charles Hibdon. He stated that Jones was innocent, as they were both alive. An investigation will be made at once.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, April 12, 1895.)

Jones will hang—Jess Jones, will hang at Paris, Logan County, Ark., May 31, 1895, for the murder and partly cremation of the bodies of Charles and Jesse Hibdon, Feb. 21, 1894. The charred remains of the bodies were found in the embers of a burned cabin. A horse and other property were found on Jones two weeks thereafter.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, April 26, 1895.)

New trial for Jesse Jones in October.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 17, 1895.)

Jesse H. Jones, formerly of Spencer County, a telegram was received today, confirming the judgment of sentencing of Jesse H. Jones, to be hanged for the murder of the two Hibdon brothers near Ozark, Ark.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, July 16, 1895, (Rockport item).

Jessee H. Jones was hanged at Ozark, Ark., today (Dec. 6) of the murder of Charles and Jesse Hibdon, of Logan County, February 1894. He is the son of Charles S. Jones of Spencer County, age about 21 years.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Dec. 13, 1895.)

Died in France

The remains of Earl J. Hobson, age 27 years, who died in France Dec. 11, 1918, arrived in Boonville Saturday night and were taken to the home of his mother, Mrs. William Ruston, on East Popular Street.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home, Dr. C.C. Edwards of the M.E. church officiating. The body was taken to Chrisney Monday morning for burial.

Mr. Hobson is survived by his mother, four brothers, Clem and William of Boonville, Walter of Lincoln, Ill., and Arly of Camp Funston, Okla., also one sister, Mrs. Edward Ingram of Boonville. The firing squad, color bearers and color guards of the American Legion of this city accompanied the remains.

Note: Burial at Highland Cemetery.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Jan. 21, 1921.)

Marriage Licenses Jan. 7, 1901

Charles E. Hasenmeyer and Ada B. Crews, John A. Lee and Rebecca Roarks, Marion Craig and Lena Osborn, Terry Bingle and Ida Fortune.

Soldiers tombstones

Government tombstones, for the following deceased soldiers have been received at the Town Hall and friends of said soldiers are requested to call and get tombstones and place them: Henry Doughty, Fielding Summers, John Kennedy, W.H. Brady, J.R. Nanney, Ben Smith, Joseph Stateler, R.S. Byers, Q.A. May, Ezra Hill, Spencer Howell, Hezekiah Hutchinson, J.B. Higgins, T.P. Johnson, Cornelius Gilman, William Hall, Arthur Conner and Henry Fourtney.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 5, 1897.)

The Monitor

Grandview, on the Ohio, at the crossing point of the Old Hartford and Vincennes Trail, early known as Yellow Banks. Weesoe Wusapinak and Yellow Banks, 1792; Sandy Creek Landing, 1814; Blount's Landing, 1843; New Hope Landing, 1848; Grandview, 1853.

(Taken from The Monitor, Oct. 22, 1936.)

Death of Isabelle Sibrel

Isabelle Varner was born in the State of New York, Aug. 15, 1853, and departed from earth life, Dec. 14, 1921, aged 68 years, 3 months and 29 days. When about one year old, her parents became residents of Baltimore, Md. From this city they moved to Rankin, Ill., where the subject of this sketch was reared to womanhood.

Here she met William Franklin Sibrel and became his wife on Feb. 13, 1879. Soon after their marriage they moved to Spencer County, Ind. To them were born two sons, Walter and Charles Edward, both of whom are residents of this community.

After a happy married life of a little less than 20 years the husband was called from this life, leaving his wife and their two sons to meet life's battles as best they could. For many years she was a member of the Methodist Church, living a consistent Christian life.

She leaves to mourn her departure her two sons, four grandchildren, one sister, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the New Hope Baptist Church near Newtonville Friday, Dec. 16, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Taylor of Newtonville, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Stallings of Richland. The burial was in the New Hope Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 23, 1921.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

July 23, 1987

County man promoted to corporal in Infantry

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Lamar soldier promoted

Wallace J. Foertsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Foertsch, of Clay Township, has been promoted to the rank of Corporal in the Unites States Infantry. Wallace has been transferred from Camp Walters, Texas, to Camp Robinson, Arkansas, and will serve as an instructor.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, March 4, 1942.)

Caroline Reckweg dies

After a short illness, the death angel came early on the morning of Feb. 25, 1942, and removed from the earthly life the soul of Caroline Wilhemine Reckweg and transplanted it in the Heavenly Abode.

The deceased was the daughter of John Frederick and Johanna Justine, nee: Kennerweg Reckweg and was born July 15, 1864 in Clay Township, Spencer County, Indiana near Lincoln City.

Her parents helped organize the St. John's Evangelical Church at Clay City and naturally their daughter was brought up in this faith. At the age of 14 on Palm Sunday April 14, 1878 her baptismal convenant was renewed in confirmation at which time she became a member of the church. Her earlier years were devoted to her church and home in which she was faithful in many things.

Miss Reckweg is the last member of the John Frederick Reckweg family, the parents, four sisters and one brother preceded her in death. It was beautiful to note the annual visit which the deceased made to the cemetery to take care of the cemetery lot.

After the death of her brother, George, in 1899, the home was broken up and Miss Carrie made her home at different places where she had employment. In recent years she made her home with the George Patmore family near Dale and in whose home she died.

She attained the age of 77 years, 7 months and 10 days.

Those who mourn her death are four nephews, Fred J. Bergman of Chrisney, Waldo and Wilfred Tabelman of Rockport, Edgar Tabelman of Lamar; two cousins, Misses Flora and Mamie Kenneweg of Cincinnati and many friends.

Services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 at the Clay City Evangelical Church with Rev. H.E. Schuessler in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, March 4, 1942.)

Turner-Thurman marriage

Miss Mary Turner, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Turner, and William G. Thurman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Thurman, were married at the ME parsonage Christmas Eve by the Rev. McNaughton. Both are widely known and highly respected young people, having a host of friends to wish them a long life of happiness.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Dec. 27, 1917.)

Rodney and Sarah Pitt
1850 census Luce Twp., Spencer Co.

#497-8, Pitt, Sarah, 44f, Ky. (Edwards 6-10-23); Franklin, 22m, farmer, Ia; Mary A., 15f, Ia; Amanda, 15f; Ia; Lavina, 11f, Ia; David, 8m, Ia; Rodney, 7m, Ia; John, 5m, Ia; Sidney, 3m, Ia; Milton, 1m, Ia; Rodney, 48m, farmer, Mass; Overlin, Susanna, 25f, Ia (wid/o Tophy); Sarah A., 5f, Ia, 3-3-1844, nee Pitt; Enos, 3m, Ia; Tapley, m9mo, Ia.

Note: Ia means Indiana in 1850 census.

Bakers Creek Cemetery

Pitt, Rodney, Sept. 25, 1800, Dec. 8, 1848, 49y2m13d; Pitt, Sarah, July 12, 1805, Dec. 18, 1857, 52y5m6d, W/0 Rodney; 1860 census Luce Twp., Spencer County, Ind. #760, Pitt, Franklin, 35m, farmer, Ind.; Lovey Anne, 42f, Ind. (Tucker 1-12-58), John, 16m, Ind.; Melvin, 12m, Ind.; Sydney, 11f, Ind.

Other marriages: Pitt, David M., Sarah A. Calkin, Dec. 29, 1864; Pitt, Lavina, William P. Calkin, Aug. 10, 1856; Pitt, Mary Ann, Daniel Woods, May 9, 1857.

1880 Luce Twp., Spencer Co., Ind. 783, Calkin; William, 29m, engineer, Ind.; Laura, 21f, Ind.; Myra, 3f, Ind.

The 1850 mortality schedule of 1849 deaths lists Rodney Pitt 48m, died in December of pneumonia. Born in Massachusetts, Occupation-Farmer. It's a mystery why he was on the 1850 census when he died in December prior to the June census taking.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

1936 paper tells of child's 10 grandparents

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Jones has 10 grandparents

Doris Ann Jones, 6-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Jones, of Luce Township, has 10 grandparents.

Her first grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett N. Leonard of this township; and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Jones of Rockport; the great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard and Sally Lloyd of this place, and Mrs. Walter Jones and Ida Squier of Rockport.

As written in newspaper. Note: Only nine listed.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, March 12, 1936.)

Bits of Spencer County history

Shadrach Hall settled at Santa Fe on a very early day and became a noted character in later years. It was said when he came to Santa Fe, he brought a large cow and on her he had a large packsaddle with most of his worldly goods.

He was a Whig in politics. He was a great hunter, and general adviser of all things that interested the early pioneers. He was elected sheriff of Spencer County in 1837, then moved to Rockport, where he spent the remainder of his days, a respected citizen.

He married Polly Greathouse of Bardstown, Ky., and they had 18 children, all of them lived to be grown except one, a son, who died in infancy. Only two of their children are now living, Luther in California, and Joseph in Oregon, but many of the grandchildren are among the representative people in Spencer County.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 9, 1916.)

Death

Joseph Cisna, for many years a citizen of Rockport, died at his home near the college, Saturday night at 10 o'clock, age 74 years. His remains were buried in the new cemetery Sunday evening.

Note: No tombstone.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, March 26, 1873.)

Birthday celebration

Mrs. Lizzie Goodman celebrated her 76th birthday anniversary Sunday at her home on Railroad Street having the following members of the family present at noon dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Carver, Donald Carver of Evansville, Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Richland and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Goodman.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 11, 1939.)

Jeff Rhoades dies

A.J. Rhoades, one of Carter Township's prominent men, merchant for years at Lincoln City, died at his home there last Saturday afternoon after an illness of only four days.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at his home, followed by burial in the Richardson Cemetery near Lincoln City.

Mr. Rhoades was 55 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters. He was serving as a member of the Lincoln Park Board and was secretary of the board. He also served as trustee of Carter Township a number of years ago.

Mr. Rhoades was a good citizen.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1922.)

Genealogical searching 51 years ago

Miss Helen Gentry of Rockport has received a request from Seattle, Wash., asking for the burial place of Col. William Winn, said to be buried at or near Grandview. He was a veteran of the War of 1812; was married twice—the first wife was Elizabeth Bird Ford and the second, Elizabeth Webb, who was a cousin of Henry Clay. He died at the age of 104. Can any reader supply the information desired?

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, March 12, 1936.)

Atkinson-Beeler marriage

Hon. P.A. Atkinson and Miss Alice Beeler, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Joseph Beeler of near Midway, Tuesday evening, Aug. 28, 1894, by the Rev. F.G. Ellis.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Aug. 31, 1894 (Chrisney Sun).

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Bizarre accident kills woman

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Melancholy accident

Woman killed and four children mangled up during the severe gale on Thursday night at the dwelling house of C. Glensbeckle, located on the side of the Bluff at the head of Main Street. The dwelling was blown over the rock and falling about 75 feet was literally mashed to pieces, and horrible to relate.

Mrs. Glensbeckle was killed out right, and her four little children were all more or less mangled, but not killed, though it is thought one or two of them will die. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock p.m. and soon after the alarm was given and our citizens rushed to the scene of disaster, and rescued the little sufferers from among the rubbish and timbers. It is wonder that the children were not all killed.

The house stood on stilts as it were upon the very edge of the rick, and the wind must have lifted it up and turned it bottom upwards, as it seemed to strike upon the roof. It is thought that Mrs. Glensbeckle and her children were in bed and asleep at the time of the awful occurrence. Mr. Glensbeckle was absent.

(Taken from The Rockport Weekly Democrat, Sept. 4, 1858.)

Marriages of Glensbeckle:

Glensbeckle, Christian-Anna Heinz, Feb. 2, 1854; Glensbeckle, Christian-Sarah Walters, Dec. 11, 1877; Glensbeckle, Christian-Catherine Rixter, no date; Glensbeckle, Christian-Ellenorah Haag, July 2, 1864

Our colored folks

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts Derrett, wife of James Derrett, died early Monday morning following several weeks of illness, and was buried yesterday afternoon; funeral services being held at the residence. Besides the husband, she is survived by several children.

(Taken from The Monitor, Nov. 3, 1938.)

Celbrates 76th birthday

Mrs. Lizzie Goodman celebrated her 76th birthday anniversary Sunday at her home on Railroad Street, having the following members of the family present at noon dinner: Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Carver, Donald Carver of Evansville, Mr. and Mrs. Filmore Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Richland and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Goodman.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 11, 1939.)

A girl bartender

[Jasper Courier]

A correspondent of the news says a girl bartender at St. Henry, on Thursday night of last week, whipped Adam Grundhoefer and William Heichelbech of Mariah Hill. The girls around St. Henry are not to be fooled with when it comes to a test of strength and activity.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 17, 1900.)

Accidentally shot

Last Saturday evening at about 9 o'clock, the Rev. William Hobson and F.F. Kinchel, two neighboring citizens of Dale, discovered a mink among their poultry. They secured a light and a shotgun and proceeded to kill Mr. Mink but instead the load in the gun was discharged and took effect in the lower limbs of the Rev. Hobson.

The above gentleman located the mink, as they believed, in a timber pile, after going to the poultry yard, and the Rev. Hobson stationed himself with a lamp at one end of the lumber pile while Mr. Kinchel went to the other end and fired into the lumber with a shotgun. The Rev. H. was standing in range of the gun at the time and received the full charge of the gun.

Some 15 to 20 shot took effect in the lower limbs of our minister, causing a severe wound. Dr. Williams was summoned and extracted a few of the shot, but the others were so deeply imbedded in the flesh that it was thought best to leave them at present.

The Rev. Hobson has been confined to his bed during the week and will not be out for several days. (Dale Reporter)

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 20, 1900.)

Andrew Jackson dies

Andrew Jackson, aged 60 years, died very suddenly, March 9, at his home near Bloomfield, Grass Township. He leaves a wife and four children, William H., John, Alva and Emma. His oldest son, William H., served as superintendent of schools of this county one term, but for several years been a resident of the State of Washington. Andrew Jackson served as Justice of the Peace for many years and was one of the well respected citizens of this county.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 24, 1899.)

Discharged

Zack Davis, Otto Hale, Ed Tucker, Neville Bise, Emery Maples, Fred Cutler and Thomas Harrison have been discharged from the 16th U.S. Inf. at Huntsville and will return home this week. Harrison and Cutler came in Wednesday night.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 20, 1899.)

Query

Marie Frick Seibert of P.O. Box 54, Huntingburg, IN, is willing to help researchers on the following surnames: Frick, Bretz, Singer, Cox, Propheter, Kemp, Bruner, Hendrickson, Main and Limp. She has many obituaries.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Members of seance get pelted by cinders

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Pelted by spirits

For some months spiritual seances have been held at the quiet residence of one of our citizens in which wonderful developments have occurred.

Music, table movements, talking, bell ringing and illuminations were only part of the phenomena. On one occasion, a heavy dresser, weighing something like 400 pounds was lifted by some unseen force and borne gently across the room.

The climax was reached a few nights ago when the members of the circle were pelted in the face by the spirits with hot cinders from the stove, lamblasted with the horn, beaten on the head with straw pillows and otherwise handled so roughly that they broke up the meeting.

(Taken from Evansville Tribune, March 2, 1898, Rockport Special.)

Gentryville death

Joseph Crawford was found dead close to his house on Monday morning. The cause of his death is not yet known as yet. He was well as usual on Sunday.

Buffalo News

News has just come to this place that Joseph Crawford, an old and reliable citizen of this vicinity, fell dead this morning while feeding his hogs.

NOTE: This is Josiah Crawford, buried in Old Christian Cemetery. He died Feb. 2, 1874.

(Taken from Rockport Republican, Feb. 4, 1874.)

The Planter, Dec. 10, 1853

Marriage of Charles Seitz to Elizabeth Hoesley on the 8th by the Rev. Daniel McIntyre.

Nancy Dodd died the 7th at the home of her brother, Mr. J. Thompson.

Robbery

The residence of Will and Luther Greathouse, in Cupid neighborhood, was entered last Monday in their absence and a pair of pants, a vest and a pair of shoes were taken. The vest had a K of P emblem on it. The person who took the articles was seen leaving the house and will likely get a trip to Jeffersonville unless he returns them.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 12, 1900.)

Eloped from their children

Mr. William F. Carter and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of Rockport came to the city yesterday and were married. They were both about 50 years old, and said they ran away from their children by telling them they were going to the river to fish. They returned on the afternoon boat.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 19, 1898 Owensboro Inquirer).

A death blow

A difficulty occurred between Morton Clark and Robert Butler, employees of the Western School Desk factory yesterday evening at the factory, which resulted in the death of Butler this morning. The particulars as reported to us are as follows:

The hands at the factory had been in the habit of playing tricks on one another, and it is said that Clark had often eaten lunches and apples brought to the factory by the other boys, and to get even some of them sprinkled Clark's lunch with white sand which he ate thinking it was sugar, but when he learned his mistake he became very angry and grabbing up a piece of a desk knocked Butler in the head with it, fracturing his skull.

Butler was taken to his home but remained unconscious until his death at 4 o'clock this morning. Butler was about 18 years old, son of a blacksmith who came here from Kentucky about one year ago. Clark has a wife and one child. Clark was arrested last night and placed in jail where he will be held to answer for the crime.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 5, 1897.)

Handcuffs

George Hufuagle to Mary Lehman, Solomon Evans to M.F. Butler, Samuel F. Hamilton to Mary E. Parsley, Christian Wetzel to Kate Koetzel and Solomon Fahr to Caroline Eble.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 1, 1878.)

Spencer County items

Chrisney Sun—Members of the Little Pigeon Church are making an effort to put an iron fence around their beautiful cemetery.

Elijah Ray, aged 62 years and Lucinda Cravens, aged 60 years, were married at Cannelton recently. The bride is from Spencer County.

John Gale, aged 16, of Chrisney, died Dec. 17 of congestion of brain, from over exertion of working on his hands.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Dec. 28, 1894.)

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Wife and servant play trick on husband

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

A husband shocked

We are not allowed to give names, but the following happened in this city one evening last week, wherein a young wife played it pretty fine on her confining husband. She let the servant girl into the scheme and they fixed up their own baby so hubby wouldn't recognize it.

They soiled the little one's face, dressed it up in some old clothes and put it in a basket. The servant girl slipped out the back way with the basket just after dark, put it on the door step, gave the bell a hard pull and then ran around in the house to answer the call. Imagine her astonishment when she brought in a basket containing a real live baby. And imagine how dumbfounded the wife was, and how horrified was her husband, when a note in the basket, addressed to the husband, read:

"This is your own child—take care of it." Wife went into apparent hysterics, and hubby dropped on his knees and proclaimed his innocence. He moaned piteously and said, "there is some mistake; I am not the father of that child." "Not the father of that child." "Not the father of that child!" screamed the wife. "You are—you know you are—oh heavens—police—divorce! I will prove it—ha! ha!"—Tragic like. The poor husband was almost delirious with grief, but the wife becoming calm and placid, said: "For your sake, Harry, I will forgive you, and raise the child."

"Never!" cried the husband, "I'm innocent." "Yes," said the wife, you are innocent, just like the rest of the men but this is your child and I will keep it." The servant was called in to wash the babe and when the dirt was sponged from its face and it was arrayed in its laces and pink ribbons, the husband saw the joke but didn't appreciate it a bit. He felt relieved however, but was considerably mystified to think that he didn't know his own dear darling baby when a temporary appearance of poverty and disgrace had thrown a shadow over what he thought to be a little outcast.--Upper Sandusky Union.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Dec. 29, 1888.)

Money lost

James O'Connor, of Eureka, while in Rockport on last Wednesday morning, lost a roll of bank bills amounting to $182. Two fifty dollar bills, seven $10 bills, two $5 bills and one $2 bill. The money was rolled up in a piece of brown paper and tied with a white thread, and in his pocket in that condition. How the money got out of his pocket is a mystery to him. A liberal reward will be given to the finder by returning the money to James O'Connor.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 22, 1878.)

Banks school news

We had quite a bit of excitement in our community last Thursday evening. Fire started on the old Haaff farm and before it had run its course the old log house and a barn on that farm and what is known as the old Woodruff house were burned. It is not understood how the Fairview Church escaped destruction also as the fire was very close to it.

(Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 28, 1935.)

Queries

The Historical Society needs the birthdate of Daniel Grass for erection of a new monument. Please call Duane Walter, 359-4789, with information.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Local man is killed by a sawlog

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Killed by a sawlog

An accident occurred Wednesday morning last on the river, about three miles below Rockport, which resulted in Lee Durham, of this city, losing his life.

The unfortunate man was employed with a number of other hands rolling sawlogs into the river from the top of the bank and rafting them. Several of the logs, after being rolled over the top of the bank, stopped before reaching the water and became jammed. They succeeded in starting them, and before Durham could make his escape he was caught by one of the heavy timbers, which rolled over his body.

He was perfectly conscious when helped up by Mr. W.J. Tucker and his son, whom were at work with him, and placed in a skiff to bring him to his home, which is near the lower landing. He talked on the way up, but seemed to be suffering very much. When they landed they assisted him in walking up the bank toward his home, but before he had taken many steps to told them he could go no further and sank down on the river bank and expired almost instantly.

He was a well respected citizen, sober and industrious, was a Union soldier, being a member of Spencer Post GAR at the time of his death. He leaves a wife and one child, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The funeral took place at 2 p.m. Thursday.

(Taken from the Indiana Pocket, June 1, 1889.)

Sale of schools

Notice is hereby given that the trustees and advisory board of Ohio Township, Spencer County, Indiana, will sell at public auction at the north door of the courthouse, Rockport, Indiana, on: Saturday, May 5, 1923 beginning at 2 p.m. the following described school property:

Calhoun School, 1 acre of ground in the southwest corner of a 22 63/100 acre tract, being in the east half of the northeast quarter of section six, township number seven south of range six west.

Africa School, one square acre out of the northeast corner of the north half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section nine, in township number eight south of range six west.

Magill School, commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section eleven, township number seven south of range six west and running thence east 20 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 20 rods, thence south 8 rods to the place of beginning, containing an acre.

Knob School, beginning 11⅓ poles north of the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 33, township number six, range six west, running thence north 11⅓ poles, thence east 14 poles, thence south 11⅓ poles, thence west 14 poles, to the place of beginning, containing one acre more or less.

Mosquito School, one square acre taken from the northwest corner of the south half of the northwest quarter of section four, township number seven, south of range six west.

Cotton School, one square acre in the southeast corner of the south half of the southeast quarter of section 28, township number seven south of range six west.

The land and building, in each case, will be offered together and then separately, the plan bringing the highest price to be the one used. Term of Sale: Cash.

Thomas Seay
Trustee of Ohio Township
HT Cain, OP Burns, James Hamilton
Members
of Advisory Board

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1923.)

Marriage

Mr. Virgil J. Huff of Huff Township and Miss Mamie Hall of Troy were married last Thursday at the residence of S.H. Jennings in this city by Elder H.H. Wagner, pastor of the Christian Church. The ceremony took place at 10:00 o'clock in the morning and the wedding party was entertained at dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Jennings. They returned on the Gazelle that evening to Huff Township where they will live.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 17, 1906.)

List of letters

Remaining in the post office at Rockport, Indiana, which if not called for in 30 days, will be sent to the dead letter office.

John A. Bowyen II, Mrs. Mary Deshler, Ed Grimes, George E. Harper, J.L. Miller, John McKey, Jacob Miller, Miss Lucinda Parker, George W. Small, Daniel Taylor, A. Winchel.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Aug. 6, 1887.)

No hunting

Notice is hereby given that trespassing or hunting with dog or gun on lands controlled by the undersigned is strictly forbidden:

John Conner, John M. Doyle, C.F. Wetherill, John T. White, George Enghof, Everett H. Bennett, George S. Smith, John T. Beard, Henry Dean, Sam Miller and R.M. Bence, all of Hammond Township.

(Taken from The Monitor, Dec. 6, 1917.)

Queries

Frances Richards of Route 1, Box 119, Richland, Ind., 47634, is interested in the Lloyd family (100-year farm in Spencer County). She would like to hear from anyone having more information on the following: Laban, Reuben, Elijah and any others.

Janice Gartman Lee of 319 Woodberry Road, West Columbia, S.C., 29169, is searching for the parents of John C. Reid/Read/Reed who died in Spencer County pre 1841. His wife was Sarah Hamilton, daughter of Samuel Hamilton. She would like to exchange South Carolina research (on whatever families) in exchange.

Rockport Democrat Feb 1955

Dale Methodist Church Dates From 1824

The Methodist congregation of Dale has had but two buildings, but their organization dates back to 1824, when Rev. Fisher, a circuit rider, organized a good class of members. Rev. Hadley was an early minister that visited the church. Movity, Holaday and Wallace supplied the class a little later.

The first church building was erected about 1856-1858, at a cost of $1,700.00. Before the class enjoyed a home of their own the society met in the residences and the school house. It was also allowed to assemble in the Presbyterian church. It met for some time in the old log school house which stood at the cross-roads near the center of Elizabeth (Dale.) Among the earliest members were Thomas Medcalf, John Jones, William Wood, James Blair and their wives.

The building now in use was erected in 1889, when Rev. Wallace was pastor. Preliminary plans were made for the building under the pastorate of Rev. Beherrald. It was a large, commodious building, beautifully decorated. Although not strictly modern, it is provided with a Sunday School room in addition to the large auditorium and made a very comfortable home. Among the trustees and prominent members who participated in the building were John J. Turnham, M. S. Painter, G. Eberhardt, Thomas Jones, R. W. Jones, Robert Wood and Alfred Cox, all of whom have passed to their reward.

Rev. W. R. Halstead of Indianapolis delivered the dedicatory sermon of the present church home and the inspiring address was instrumental in Christian living and character forming that has been of much value to Dale and community.

In 1922 the church became a station and a modern parsonage was erected on the church lot providing a comfortable home for the pastors. In recent years the church has completed a full basement, with a well equipped kitchen, and the main auditorium and Sunday school room has been redecorated. Rev. H. W. Wooldridge was pastor until two weeks ago.

It might be of interest to give a list of ministers who have served here:

Edwards 1857, Thompson 1858, Talbert 1859, Heuring 1860-61, St Clair 1862, J. B. Admire 1863, A. Long 1864, Walker 1865, J. N. Thompson 1866-67, John Bunner 1868, O. H. Tansy 1869, Robert Kemp 1870, N. M. Patterson 1871, J. B. Holloway 1872, J. V. Moore 1873, Lawrence Jones 1874, J. Morden 1875, Edwards 1876, Wm. F. Smith 1877-78, George De Wolfe 1879-81

Sam Anderson 1882-84. Jeptha Edwards 1885-86. J T Beherrald 1887-89. W. P. Wallace 1890-91. John Royer 1892-95, Joe E. Fisher 1896-97. J F Washburn 1898-99. F. I. Priest 1900-1905. J. A. Breeden 1906-08, Wm. G. Morgan 1909-12. N F Denny 1913-15, J R Bolin 1916-17, McWilliams 1918-19, W. A. Hartsaw 1920-21, L. R Morien 1922-24. J. M. Pinchon 1925 Millard Brittingham 1926-27, E. M. Dunbar 1928-29. J. A Breeden 1930-32 G. H Curry 1932-33. F H Austerman 1933. W. A Skelton 1934-40 Barthol Rogers 40-44 Richard Clements 44-46, R. S. Buchanan 46-48, **Buell Dalton 48-50, L. H. Ice 51,** H. W. Wooldridge 52-55.

The organization **has a very** active W. S. C. S., **Methodist** Men's **Brotherhood and Youth** Fellowship.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

September 10, 1987

Man attempts suicide

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Attempted suicide

Dedrich Kluseman, an old citizen of Clay Township, attempted suicide by drowning in the Ohio River just above Grandview last Tuesday.

He drove a stake at the water's edge, tied one end of a rope about 10 feet long to it, and the other end around one of his ankles, wrote his name on one of his shoe soles, and then jumped into the river. He was seen by a small boy who gave the alarm, and a man came to the rescue in time to take him out and save his life. We failed to learn the cause of the rash act.

Kluseman, Dedrich, Union Chapel Cemetery, 1823-1911.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Aug. 20, 1887.)

Theodore Hall dies

Theodore Hall, one of Rockport's most honored citizens, passed away at his home on Fourth Street, Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, Mr. Hall was born in Rising Sun, Indiana, Oct. 24, 1836, lived at Lake Mill, Midway, and for the past few years has made this city his home. He was married three times, first to Minerva Harker, second Mary E. Pinel, and later to Mrs. E.C. Graham.

Three children, Frank, Allen and Jennie were born to the first union and three to the second, two of whom died in infancy, Theodore, Jr. surviving.

Mr. Hall was of sterling qualities and for many years was a faithful member of the Christian Church of which he was an elder when death came. The funeral service will be conducted by Elder L.N. Varble at the Christian Church, Friday at 10 o'clock, after which the remains will be laid to rest in the Mount Zion Cemetery. He leaves a companion, four children and a host of relatives and friends in sadness.

At the ripe age of 75 years, 2 months and 16 days, a life with few faults and many virtues bids us adieu to enter that home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 12, 1912.)

Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer of Chrisney celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Rockport City Park, with a bountiful dinner and several useful gifts.

The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer of Pendleton, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Meyer and son of Evansville; Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Myer and son of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Meyer and daughter of Evansville;

Mr. and Mrs. Armon Young and family of Velpen; Martha Bement of Cato, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Metz of Cannelton; Mr. and Mrs. William Meyer of Chrisney; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Carpenter of Fremont, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Delphus Scales of Evansville; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moesner Jr. of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Haynes of Midway; Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Saltzman of Evansville;

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Meyer and son of Chrisney; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moesner of Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Christmas of Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Saltzman and son of Evansville, Nina Meyer of Evansville; Mr. Charles Goodson of Evansville

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Frank of Richland; Lila Frank of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meyer of Rockport; Helen Berger of Tell City; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moesner Sr. of Gentryville; Mr. and Mrs. O.J. Johnson and daughter of Richland; George Moesner and Marylin Martin.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 3, 1947.)

Marriages
Sunbeams

Obediah L. Main to Sarah E. Wilson, William M. Moore to Mary E. Oost, Fred Dyer to Mary Kueborts, Robert G. Bullock to Nancy Hale, William Powers to Pauline Kleine, William C. Shrode to Clara Lee and George W. Wilson to Sarah A. Sweat.

(Taken from The Indiana Pocket, April 2, 1887.)

Query

Joseph Haskins of Route 1, Odon, Indiana, is working on the Hoskins, Haskins, Oskins families of Spencer County. He is especially seeking information on Ninah, Jesse, William and Jacob. Two others are working on this same family and sharing all information. Please help if you have any clues as to where they came from and counties they lived in prior to and after leaving Spencer County.

Soldiers update

The following have been reported since June:

Carter Township--Herbert Kaetzel and Leo J. Gessner.

Grass Township--Herman Weber.

Harrison Township--Bernard Sabelhaus.

Ohio Township--G.T. Dohoney.

Luce Township--Ivan Burroughs, Carroll Lee Burroughs, Arch Linegar and Leroy Harmon.

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Centerville church celebrates its 25th anniversar

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Centerville Church

Sunday, July 30, the German Evangelical Church at Centerville, Ind., Rev. Seybold, pastor, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church with missionary services. The Rev. M. Mehl of Boonville, the Rev. W. Hausemann of Lynnville, the Rev. Eugene Aleck of Buffaloville and the Rev. H. Juergens of Holland conducted the two services.

The Rev. Seybold read a short history of the congregation, the choirs from Rockport and Boonville contributed to the pleasure of the day. The church edifice was erected in 1868 under the pastorate of the Rev. Wenner. In November of the same year he resigned and the Rev. H. Miller was called to fill the vacancy. His stay was short and only a year afterward the Rev. Gramm followed him, whose successor was the Rev. Steinhage.

In 1875 the Rev. Schenk took charge of the congregation for four years, who was succeeded by the Rev. C. Weigmann till 1887. After a short vacancy the Rev. Dobler followed the call of the congregation of Rockport with which the Centerville congregation is connected, and again after a year's vacancy in 1890, the Rev. I. Th. Seybold, the present pastor, took charge of both places.

Though 25 years have elapsed the church at Centerville is still weak and has but a few members, many of their former members having removed to Rockport, and not a few getting rapidly Americanized, attend English churches. May the time be not far when English services bring them back to their home and the gospel of Christ brought to them in their own church in the tongue they speak and which predominates throughout our country.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 11, 1893.)

Death of John S. Magee

J.S. Magee was born Feb. 1, 1835, and departed this life at his home near Midway, July 4, 1895, aged 60 years, 5 months and 3 days.

The deceased was born in the state of New Jersey and from there he came to Ohio, where he was united in marriage to Mary E. Sampson. To them were born five children who, with their widowed mother, mourn the loss of a kind father.

Brother Magee embraced the Christian religion at the age of 13 and joined the M.E. Church and lived in that church until eight years ago when he united with the U.B. Church in which he lived until death. He was interred in the Midway Cemetery by the church and the I.O.O.F. The funeral was preached by the Rev. J.C. Mills.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 12, 1895.)

Mission feast at Leistner's

A grand time was had at the Leistner Lutheran Church last Sunday on the occasion of the Mission Feast and dedication of their new organ. Over 1,000 people were present, and after all had feasted to their content, there were gathered up several basket fulls of good things to eat.

The Evansville choir, under the leadership of Prof. Braun, was present and rendered some excellent music. Sermons were delivered as follows: In the forenoon by the Rev. H. Juergens of Holland. In the afternoon by the Rev. Eugene Aleck, of Clay City, and the Rev. J. Bronnenkants of Tell City, and at night by the Rev. I. Th. Seybold of Rockport and the Rev. Wulfmann of Huntingburg, the Rev. Egli is pastor of the church which is said to be in a very prosperous condition. Their new pipe organ cost $500 and gives splendid satisfaction.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 13, 1893.)

Remembers seeing Lincoln

Davis Enlow, a veteran of the 65th Indiana Regiment in the Civil War was in the city one day last week. He lives near Lincoln City and remembers seeing the old log cabin in which the Lincoln family lived during their residence in Spencer County. He is also one of the few men living in Spencer County who saw Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Enlow saw him in Washington near the close of the war.

Mr. Enlow is a member of one of the pioneer families of Southern Indiana. His grandfather (Enlow) was the first settler of the town of Jasper and donated 80 acres of land for the town site. He also built a water mill there which is still run by water power part of the time—The Eckert Mill. It is operated about nine months of the year, Mr. Enlow says by water power and the remainder of the time by steam power.

In the pioneer days water mills were numerous in Southern Indiana but the one at Jasper is perhaps the only one of them that is now equipped with water power.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1923.)

Married life short

Georgie King has filed suit against Stanley King for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment and abandonment. The couple lived together four days, being married on Aug. 10, 1915 and separated Aug. 14, 1915. James L. Huston is attorney for the plaintiff.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 27, 1915.)

Queries

John J. Graham, MD, 6309 Chaucer View Circle, Alexandria, Va., 22304, is seeking information on John W. Graham of Spencer County who married Mary Duncan on July 12, 1817. Any clues about this couple would be appreciated, especially about John W. Graham.

Mrs. D.J. Ranking of 412 Pinon Road, Bailey, Colo., 80421, is looking for a diary belonging to her great-grandfather, James P. White. He came to Warrick County, Ind., from Pennsylvania. He was born in 1832 and married in Spencer County in or on April 13, 1854, and died Nov. 3, 1895. He is buried in Midway Cemetery, Spencer County. Any information would be appreciated.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

September 24, 1987

Young man dies as result of races

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Young man dead as result of races

William Bell, age 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell of Kennedy Station, is dead as the result of being struck by an automobile wheel which ran wild after an axle on the racing car of B.F. Harris of Huntingburg had broken during the races at the fairgrounds last Saturday.

Bell was sitting against a tree at the southwest turn of the race track when the rear axle of the fast moving car snapped, releasing the wheel, which went with terrific speed right to where Bell was sitting, striking him in the face and knocking his head against the tree, resulting in concussion of the brain. He died Sunday night at 8 o'clock without having regained consciousness.

Along with his brother and a number of others, Bell had gone to the turn to see the racing cars make the turns on the west. Word had gone around that the cars nearly turned over on going around the turns and some of the crowd wanted to see the excitement. Bell and his brother were standing close to the track for awhile and William said, "Let's get back, it's dangerous here." The two brothers retired to a safer distance then, and the young Bell sat down by a tree. Suddenly a racing car swept around the track. An axle snapped. A rear wheel was released and ran wild. A number of spectators had narrow escapes.

No one could dodge the wheel so fast was its speed. Before he knew what was happening Bell was struck in the face and chest and fell over unconscious, blood gushing from his face. Spectators rushed to him and turned away with horror for an instant, thinking he was dead.

An ambulance was called and the boy was removed to the home of John Oelze. His parents were notified and his father made a record trip to this city in an automobile Saturday. His mother came to the city Sunday.

Sunday afternoon an operation was performed on his skull in order to find where the pressure was on his brain. No pressure could be found. The brain was injured though and according to Dr. Weiss, his death was caused by a rupture of blood vessels. There was never a chance for his recovery.

Young Bell had a presentiment that something was going to happen to him and on the morning of the races said to his folks that he believed he wouldn't go to the races as he feared something would happen and he would be sorry that he went. It was his first trip to Rockport and he was only in the city for a few hours when the accident happened.

He is survived by his parents and brother, who are griefstricken over the tragedy. Interment took place Tuesday in the Conner Cemetery near Lamar.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 17, 1915.)

Eighth marriage

Richard B. Neal, aged 82 years and Sarah Watson, aged 52, obtained license to marry of the county clerk Wednesday. It is the groom's eighth marriage.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, July 21, 1888.)

Calvin Rasor dies at age 90

Calvin Rasor, age 90 years, 4 months and 21 days, a well respected citizen, died very suddenly at the home of his son-in-law, Allen Hall, near Silverdale, Wednesday morning about 7:15.

Mr. Rasor was a son of one of the first settlers of this county and spent his life here. His father, Simeon, was a native of Pennsylvania and his mother was born in North Carolina.

They came to this county in 1818, just 100 years ago, the year the county was organized and raised a family of seven sons and one daughter.

Calvin Rasor spent his life on the farm where he died and was a well respected citizen. His wife, Susan Richey Rasor, died some years ago and since then he has made his home with a daughter, Lulie Hall, on the old home place.

He also has two sons, Seymour, living in Kentucky, and Bert, who resides near Richland.

Mr. Rasor was a home guard during the Civil War and took part in the Panther Creek fight.

The funeral will take place from the residence Friday at 2 p.m. and the burial will be in Hackleman Cemetery.

As there had been no physician attending him, Dr. Hackleman, the county coroner was called to issue a burial certificate.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 1, 1918.)

Note: According to family research, Mr. Rasor was actually 91 years, 3 months and 23 days old at death.

Brick kiln at Newtonville

Mr. W.F. Simpers, of this city, is now located and engaged in burning a brick kiln north of Newtonville, on the Kluseman farm, where he intends to be able to supply the citizens of that section with a good quality of brick at cheap rates. We wish him success in the enterprise.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, March 19, 1887.)

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Death of 45-year-old man causes inquest

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Inquest held

Dr. W.R. Beeler was called 2½ miles east of Newtonville last Saturday to hold an inquest over the body of Henry W. Arthur. It is supposed that he was taken with heart disease and fell into the backwater which he was crossing and drowned. His body was found in water about 18 inches deep where it had lain about two days.

Arthur was 45 years old and unmarried.

Note: Volume I, P177, Arthur, Henry, 1848-1893.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Chrisney Chimes

Louis Patmore is the happy father of triplets--all girls. The noble mother and her little ones are doing well, and Louis is getting along as well as can be expected under the circumstances.

P. Chrisney disposed of a car load of potatoes at Louisville, Ky., last week.

(Taken from The Indiana Pocket, March 7, 1885.)

Obituary

Nirum L. Winchell, son of Edwin and Susan Winchel, was born Nov. 20, 1856. After a journey of almost 75 years, he passed into the great beyond May 4, 1931 at 1 o'clock a.m., age 74 years, 5 months and 14 days. He was one of a family of 10 children of which Frank Winchel is the only surviving member.

On Dec. 24, 1885 he was united in marriage to Louisa Rasor. To this union three children were born, James, Tress and Grace.

He has been a member of the I.O.O.F. lodge of Richland for a number of years. He was a good citizen and his associates he met and received with generosity and hospitality. He will be sadly missed by his friends and loved ones. All his active life was spent on his farm in Ohio Township, but for the last few years he and his aged companion have made their home with their children.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his faithful wife, one son, James of Chrisney, one daughter, Grace Winters of Rockport, three grandchildren, Ruth Rininger, Pauline Winchel and Allen Winters, one brother, Frank Winchel of Rockport and a host of other relatives, for whom let us pray that the blessings of Heaven may rest upon the comfort in this their sad hour of distress. One daughter, Tress Rininger, died Nov. 22, 1920. Funeral services were conducted at the home of his son, James, by the Rev. E.M. McCoy. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Rockport.

Taken from a newspaper clipping from 1931.)

John Keller dead

John Keller, aged 74 years, of Harrison Township, was found dead, at home of his son, Henry, with two gashes on his arm, and bruises on his head. He probably cut himself with a razor and used a hatchet on his forehead.

(Taken from Boonville Standard July 27, 1894.)

Home from Camp Taylor

Will Shrode and Karl Kramer started home from Camp Taylor Saturday evening on a motorcycle, and when about two miles from French Lick encountered mud so serious that they had to leave the motorcyle and come by train. Arriving at Richie Crossing, Karl was expecting to be met by his brother with the auto. Not finding him, he walked home and learned that his brother should have been there, so he saddled a horse and returned and found his brother safely asleep.

(Taken from The Monitor, Oct. 25, 1917.)

Infant dies

Carl Junior, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Moss, Jackson Township, was born Aug. 29, 1931, and died Oct. 8, 1931, aged one month and 11 days. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E.L. Bates at Friendship Church Friday afternoon, with burial in the Wright Cemetery.

Besides his parents, he leaves his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Moss and Mr. and Mrs. William Conner, also other relatives.

Note: No tombstone at cemetery. Add to Volume I

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 16, 1931.)

A water bicycle

Henry P. Baumgaertner and Morris Nohsey have invented a bicycle to run on water and gave their first exhibition with it on the Ohio River in front of this city last Sunday afternoon, and the sight attracted a large crowd to the bluff, creating about as much excitement as was caused when Paul Boynton, the famous swimmer, passed down a few years ago.

The machine is "wonderfully made" and glided over the placid bosom of the Ohio without any apparent difficulty. It carries one person and presents a novel sight. It required three weeks to construct the little wonder and its sources think that with some slight improvements they will be able to make 10 miles per hour up stream upon it.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 5, 1895.)

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Glendale, near Grandview, is described to the public

For the information of those to whom it may concern, I will say that Glendale is in Spencer County, Indiana, 1¼ miles east of the Grandview crossing and 2½ miles west of Grandview. Those living near this place are William Shrode, 11 in the family; Jacob Ebright and son, 8; Fred Butler, seven; R. Bonner and son, five; Ed Woods, who is death on rabbits, six; in color his children all resemble him; James Johnson, four; Harvey Bennett, 10; F.M. Thurman, nine; and the writer, three.

The land is very level and very productive; watermelons, squashes and pumpkins grow to perfection, and when thoroughly drained will be the garden spot of Spencer County.

Politically, we are Democrat, Republican and Mugwumpish. The moral and religious element predominate. Sunday school at 2 o'clock and preaching at 3 p.m. every two weeks. It is very difficult to keep a Sunday school alive through the winter in the country. Should ours die, those that could do the most, yet do the least; will be the first to say that it was the superintendent's fault.

We very seldom call on doctors or lawyers for advice. Our young friend, Will Bennett, left last week to visit his parents in Brown County, Ohio. He will return in three weeks and then among the girls: A race a race; who will win? Who'll be out and who'll be in?

George Butler is seriously afflicted with rheumatism. George is a nice young man and if he recovers will make a good citizen.

L.B.D.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Feb. 20, 1886.)

Businessman

James Ross: Mr. Ross was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio, in the year 1841. In 1847 his parents moved to this county, since which time he has resided here, with the exception of a three-year sojourn in the field as a soldier.

Mr. Ross began the grocery business in this city in the year 1865 with little or no experience and capital to match, but by strict attention to business, close careful and wise financiering, he now ranks with our best and most prosperous merchants.

Mr. Ross, aside from his business qualification is a useful and enterprising citizen; he has already added two beautiful residences to our city and speaks now of erecting the third at an early day. Mr. Ross is a genial, social gentleman, though extremely quiet and unassuming, interferring with no one and attending simply and strictly to his own business. He is in every sense of the term, a thorough businessman.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 1, 1876.)

Roscoe Warnke departs this life

Roscoe Warnke died at the home of his aunt, Betty Warnke, on High Street, last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, May 22, 1915, after about 10 days severe illness of kidney trouble. Aged 22 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Roscoe was raised in Chrisney where he has hosts of friends. He made his home in Cincinnati, where he had employment for several months, returning home a few weeks ago in failing health. Roscoe was a good kind-hearted boy—everybody likes him. About two days before his death—while suffering intensely—he called for the Rev. J.W. Johnson, who came to his bedside and offered up prayers in his behalf. When brother Johnson had concluded his prayer Roscoe thanked him kindly for his sweet prayers and was much consoled.

His mother, Mary Roetzel of Russell, Ark., was called by telegraph and arrived about two days before he departed this life.

The burial was at Oakhill Cemetery Sunday afternoon after the funeral services at the M.E. Church, the Rev. J.W. Johnson preached an impressive funeral sermon.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun clipping from Carrye Tabelman collection.)

Marriage Licenses

Millard F. Sampson to Ada Richey; Giles Lupton to Laura McCoy; John D. Sanders to Mary A. Hinton; Mark Bufkin to Virgie Esterline; and William Scott to Mary L. James.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 1, 1893.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 15, 1987

And old landmark is remembered

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Removal of an old landmark

Old Pigeon Church has long been familiarly known to Spencer County, it being the first organized church in this section of the country, its organization dating June 1, 1816. The ediface of this church, which we will notice briefly, was erected in 1818, and about the time Spencer County was organized.

This old log building has been recorded in history in connection with Abraham Lincoln, whose father did the carpenter work of the building. Near this building, and without a monument of any kind to designate the spot, is the grave of the mother of the late President, which has been visited by hundreds of people, many of whom visited the grave in connection with their visit to the old church and "Lincoln Hill."

But we had not time to enter into the details, and will state briefly that the church building is no more, it is now numbered with the things that were. A few weeks since Mr. A.W. Hevron bought the material of this ancient church house, and removed it from the spot it had so long adorned, and hereafter, instead of the gospel being preached within its sacred walls, the neighing of the horse, lowing of the cow and bleating of the sheep will be heard. The spot where the house stood seems desecrated. The old house, familarily-known as "Lincoln Church" seemingly so sacred with its precious recollections, is no longer an object of attraction.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 25, 1876.)

A golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schierbaum celebrates the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their home in Clay Township with a family reunion last Tuesday.

An elegant dinner was served and a very pleasant occasion it was. Their children, grandchildren and a number of friends were present with gifts and words of congratulations for the venerable couple.

Mr. Schierbaum served as trustee of Clay Township and made an efficient officer. He has a large circle of acquaintances by whom he is held in high esteem.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 17, 1893.)

Mexican War veteran dies

Uncle Samuel Wilson, an old and respected resident of Newtonville, died on Dec. 20th and was buried at the Newtonville Public Cemetery on Dec. 21st. Rev. John Bunner conducted the funeral services.

His wife, one daughter, Mrs. Kitty Meeks, and a stepson, Mr. William Sanforth, survive him. He died from a disease contracted in the Mexican War. His age was 66 years.

Note: Buried in Bethleham Cemetery, 1893.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Carrye Tabelman Collection.)

Flight at Rockport Fair

With only a small compass strapped to his wrist as a guide, Horace Kearney, who has been making daily flight at the Rockport fair, flew from the fairgrounds to Boonville Friday afternoon.

Though the county was entirely unfamiliar to the aviator he was only one-quarter of a mile off his course when he reached Boonville. He circled over the city and finally landed at the fairgrounds. The flight of 21 miles was made in 18 minutes.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Aug. 30, 1912.)

Current membership

As of Sept. 30th, the following is a summary of our membership in the Spencer County Historical Society: 55 Spencer County, 27 Indiana, six Kentucky, eight Texas, seven Illinois, 10 California, five Washington, three Florida, three Missouri, two South Carolina, two Iowa, two Virginia, two Kansas, two Maryland, two Oklahoma, two Ohio, one each in Utah, North Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Nebraska, Minnesota, New York, Colorado, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Georgia and North Dakota.

Our membership is growing but many haven't renewed for 1987-88. We mail quarterlies to all members with items such as found in this column. Won't you join today for only $10? Send to: Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, 47615.

An octogenarian

Uncle Jimmy Barrett, one of Ohio Township's best and most respected citizens, was 80 years of age last Saturday, and with his estimable wife spent the day visiting their son, George, and family about one mile west of the city. This venerable couple celebrated their golden wedding not long ago, and are still enjoying good health. Uncle Jimmy says he wants to live to see one more Republican president elected at least.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 5, 1894.)

Query

Norman S. Suter of 1404 Lakeshore Drive, Mount Dora, Fla., 32757, is looking for the parents of Harrison Suter/Suitor, born 1811 in Virginia, married Margaret Kesner, 1837 in Harrison County and died 1871 and buried in Spencer County at Rocky Bottom Farm, Route 3, Rockport.

Looking for death of Margaret, last found 1880 census at Gentryville with daughter, Effa, who later married John T. Wells, Spencer County, 1881.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 22, 1987

Mountain Boy has terrible accident

A terrible steamboat accident

The steamer, Mountain Boy, the local packet between Cannelton and Owensboro, was caught in a gale and turned over opposite the wharf-boat at Owensboro last Tuesday about one o'clock as she was trying to make the landing at that point.

When the boat was a short distance above the wharf she was carried by the wind to the Kentucky shore and several persons abandoned her and went ashore. She then made another effort to round to the wharf but failed and was again driven ashore by the wind.

Captain James, it is said, then took the pilot's place and worked her out about a hundred yards, where she was again caught by the wind and capsized. About 20 people were on board. Some clung to the boat and as she turned over, they managed to keep on top, where they remained until they were rescued by skiffs and small boats that came to their assistance; while many jumped into the river and were clinging to boxes, shingle blocks and crafts when picked up.

Those reported lost are the watchman, Frank Abshire, son of Captain Abshire; William Stateler, second engineer; Scott Lowry, colored.

Captain James was taken out nearly drowned, but by prompt medical attention was soon revived. The cabin became detached from the hull and floated away and the hull sank. Nothing was saved from the boat or cargo. The boat was valued at about $5,000. Quite a number of passengers from this place came down on her and were waiting for her return when the news of her destruction came.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, April 10, 1886.)

John Walker

John Houston Walker: Here is a young man we all know and respect, not simply as a business man but as a gentleman. Our city has the honor of being his birthplace which event occurred on the 3rd day of February 1853. In our schools he received his education and in our business houses and among our business men he received his knowledge of and experience in business.

He is a home-made boy. Mr. Walker, at the helm of his little craft sailed out on our commercial sea last March as a grocer and produce dealer, meeting with that success which prudence, experience and close application guarantees; and should Heaven favor him with health, his power and influence as a business man and a Christian gentleman will for years to come be felt and appreciated in the community.

Note: John H. Walker died Feb. 17, 1929 and is buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 1, 1876.)

A bad den wiped out

A disreputable house kept by a widow Abshire and her daughters near Richland was raided last Sunday night by "white caps," the occupants driven from the shanty, and, after setting the household plunder out in the road, the house was burned.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 25, 1889.)

Conley deaths

Mrs. Mary A. Conley, widow of Joseph Conley, deceased, was born March 1, 1828, and died of dropsey May 1, 1900, aged 72 years and two months. Sister Conley was converted early in life and joined the Baptist Church, of which she had been a consistent member for many years.

Sister Conley expressed a willingness to go and be with Jesus and said she was ready to go. She was a great sufferer for 18 months, spending her last days at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Tom Abshier.

Everything was done that could be to minister comfort to mother. Sister Conley was the mother of 14 children, seven of whom had preceded here.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 11, 1900.)

Died, March 5, at his home in the Friendship neighborhood, Mr. Joseph Conley, in his 72nd year. Mr. Conley was one of Spencer County's pioneers and was one of our best citizens, was a very industrious man and will be sadly missed in his community. The family has the sympathy of all that knew him.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 14, 1890.)

Queries

James C. Jewell of Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, Ill., 61348,, would like to hear from readers with knowledge of markers with all athletic equipment and accomplishments inscribed on them. These will become part of a presentation he is preparing entitled, "I Have Finished the Race, I Have Kept the Faith." Please include the name of cemetery and directions for locating the cemetery and the grave.

We know there are some available in Spencer County after reading the tombstones but can't remember where.

Stephen Lamar Harris of 8 Stone Drive, Westport, CT, 06880, is trying to track down the Mason family of Spencer County. Laura, or Lorinda Mason was the wife of Alfred Lamar, Uriah's son, and she came from Elizabethtown, Ky. Family legend claims she is a descendant of George Mason, author of the Bill of Rights. I would love to hear from anybody who knows about the Mason family, said Harris—Lorinda and her parents.

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Respected local resident dies

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Mr. Hutchinson dies

Hezekiah Hutchinson, aged about 67 years, one of the old and well respected citizens of this city, died rather suddenly at his home on Elm Street, this (Thursday) morning about six o'clock of heart failure. He was a Union solider and had for many years been a member of the I.O.O.F. order of this city. As he had been sick only a few days and but few knew of his illness, his death was a sad surprise to many.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 24, 1893.)

Naney family

1880 Spencer County, Indiana, census, Ohio Township:

1414: Naney, Jacob, 52, farmer; Lucy (Burdick), 48, M. 5, Jan. 1850; Americus, 27, farmer (teach); Isaac, 25, work on farm; Jane, 21, teacher; Alice, 18; Laura (Bluford) Craig, 16, Feb. 26, 1885; Leoni (Geo Ensor), 13, June 25, 1891; Nelly (Jas McGuire) 11, Nov. 6, 1890; Jesse (Eliz. Hahn), 9, Jan. 6, 1898; May, 7.

Shiloh Cemetery

Naney, Jacob T., Dec. 10, 1827, July 25, 1914; Lucy B., Feb. 21, 1832, Dec. 29, 1907; John O., Nov. 1, 1851, Aug. 1, 1876; Martha A., Oct. 9, 1854, Oct. 9, 1854; John, 1795, May 14, 1837; Eleanor, Jan. 15, 1799, March 8, 1873; Isaac W., June 27, 1856, April 9, 1886; Ira E., June 27, 1856, July 17, 1856; Arizona J., Jan. 30, 1859, March 8, 1883; Mary A., Aug. 12, 1861, Sept. 15, 1892; Laura N. Feb. 5, 1864, Jan. 17, 1886; Jesse C., 1870, 1933; Americus, 1853, 1933; Fidelia, 1859, 1930.

Note: Arizona is Jane on Census and Mary A. is Alice.

Evaline Goodman obituary

Evaline Beasley, wife of Ervin Goodman, was born in Stokes County, N.C., and at the age of 8 years, moved with her parents to Bunker Hill, Tenn., and at the age of 10 years, they came to Spencer County, Ind., making the trip from North Carolina to his county in a covered wagon drawn by a team of oxen.

They settled in Grass Township where she continued to make her home since 1837. She was born May 11, 1826 and departed this life Jan. 1, 1917.

Just as the old year passed away her spirit took its flight, aged 90 years, 7 months and 21 days. She was married to Ervin Goodman July 20, 1841. To this union 13 children were born, 9 having preceded her in death.

Those living are Rebecca A. Underwood, Isaac M. and Millard F. Goodman, of this county, and Mrs. Mariah B. Shuff, of Vincennes, Ind., also 37 grandchidren and 43 great-grandchildren.

She accepted Christ as her Personal Saviour in the year of 1842 and later in life united with the Midway Presbyterian Church.

Grandma, as she was called by all who knew her, will be sadly missed not only by her family but by the community in which she lived.

Note: Goodman, Ervin d. 9, June 1883.

(News clipping from Tabelman Collection.)

Queries

Anne Laurie Smith of Route 2, Box 144, North Webster, IN, 46555, is searching for descendants of David and Lenore (Mayfield) Hancock; Stephen A. and Sarah (Bell) Hancock. David died in 1842 and Stephen died in 1859 in Spencer County. These men were brothers of her ancestor, Jane Hancock, who married George W. Shaw who also died in Spencer County in 1862. This family was from Floyd County, Ind. David had two daughters, Mary Ellen and Nancy Jane. Stephen had four children that she knows of: Louisa F., John P., William and Stephen (born between 1844 and 1849). She has considerable information on their parents and grandparents and will share all letters answered. Any help will be appreciated.

Judy Cawley of 1564 E 52nd, Odessa, Texas, 79762, is looking for information about Abram or Abraham Abshier. She thinks he died around 1840-45 in Spencer County. Anyone out there researching the Abshier family?

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Who paid the most county taxes in 1892?

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Largest taxpayers

The following named persons are 12 of the largest taxpayers in Spencer County: the largest taxpayer being first, etc.: J.C. Finch, C.J. Mason, D.J. Axton, S.W. Stocking, George Wandel, Henry Kramer, John Biedenkopf, Wilson Huff, William B. Richardson, F. Weil & Co., T.R. Hardy and William Stevenson.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Jan. 22, 1892.)

Sarah Fisher dies

Mrs. Sarah J. Fisher, the fifth child born to C.V. and Sarah Brown, was born in this county, June 4, 1847, and died Nov. 22, 1913, aged 66 years, 5 months and 18 days.

In September 1866 she was married to John Fisher and to them one child was born, it dying in infancy. Thirteen years after their marriage Mr. Fisher was suddenly taken away, and Mrs. Fisher resided in the home of her parents until their death, her father having died 30 years ago and her mother died 11 years ago.

Since then she has lived alone. For over a year past she had been a sufferer, always bearing her pain patiently and enjoying her friends.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J.J. Robinette at the residence on South Sixth Street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The burial took place at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from a 1913 newspaper clipping.)

Slave for 75 years

Anderson Tomason (Col.) aged 105 years, a slave for 75 years, died Sunday at Rockport. His first master was Nelson Tomason of North Carolina.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 17, 1895.)

Neighborhood news

Work has again begun on our Catholic Church and it is hoped will continue to its completion.

Another masked ball is talked of on or about St. Valentine's Day.

Come to the Fair tonight. It only costs 10 cents and a few of the hall decorations are well worth the money.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 30, 1875.)

Golden wedding

A surprise golden wedding celebration was given by members of the UB Church for Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Basham. At the end of this story, this sketch was printed in the newspaper.

Daniel R. Basham was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., March 6, 1822; Edith Basham was born in Batton County, Va., Oct. 21, 1825. They were married in Breckinridge County, Ky., May 18, 1842, and came to this state 16 years ago.

To them were born 15 children, only five of whom are living, viz: Mrs. Thomas Sharon of Kentucky; Mrs. Gus Dennaman of Oregon, Mrs. Reed Payne of Chrisney, Mrs. Clarence Deweese of Rockport and James Basham of Louisville, Ky.

Huffman memorial service

Our memorial service at the Christian Church was postponed from the 1st to 3rd of January on account of bad weather, though our meeting began on New Year's Eve and continued up to Lord's day night, with increasing interest to the last.

The old church book showed that this congregation was first organized at the Huff Schoolhouse near Troy in 1856, with 42 members, not one of whom was with us; either by death or removal they had all gone from among us during those years of labor—26 by death, 28 dismissed by letter and 44 excluded. The total membership enrolled the past 34 years has been 287.

The services were conducted by Elder Ira Scott, preaching from Malachi, third chapter, 16th verse. The audience was reminded of the past, of our fathers and mothers who once worshipped in this house, but are now released from life's labors and sorrows.

All hearts were melted by these sacred and tender reflections, and when the touching words of the speaker were concluded we all wept. Such moments, when strong men weep, are not unwelcome, but we wish them to return. As soon as we could control our feelings the congregation sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Prayer was then offered by Brother Murray, and our meeting closed, with one addition and good influence.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 16, 1891.)

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Survivor of Andersonville tells ordeal

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Survivor of Andersonville

Albert Bayliss of this city, a veteran of the Civil War, who was confined in the Andersonville Prison pen for six months, has recently received from the Indiana Monument Commission at Andersonville a volume containing a report of the unveiling and dedication of the Indiana monument at the Andersonville national park, erected in memory of the Indiana soldiers who died there.

It contains photos of the park, as it now is and war time photographs, addresses made at the dedication, together with other appropriate matter. Mr. Bayliss was himself confined in that terrible place from in August, 1864, to February, 1865, when the horrors were at their worst. In October and November seven of every nine inmates died, at one time there being 36,000 men on the 22 acres.

When Mr. Bayliss was taken there as a prisoner of war the first sight that met his eyes at the stockade was the ''dead wagon'' coming out with its gruesome load.

''Men died so fast,'' he said, ''that a large wagon was driven daily into the stockade to collect the dead bodies and haul them out. Four big mules pulled the wagon. It was just coming out of the stockade as we came up to the entrance and was piled high with bodies stacked like cordwood. Just as we got to it the wagon lurched a little and two bodies rolled off. The driver got down, piled them on again and drove off. When I got into the stockade a man, without a stitch of clothing on and brown as a berry, ran up and called my name. I recognized him as Jim Cotton of Rockport; one of my boyhood chums. I had a little extra clothing which I gave him as he hadn't even a handkerchief to wear. Joe Hutchinson, another Rockport boy, died while I was in there.''

The cruelty of the prison keepers toward the Union soldiers and their sufferings tax belief. It was the most notorious prison in the South, and in all the world for that matter. At any time the prisoners might have left and escaped the terrors if they had made an oath of allegiance to the Confederacy, but less than two percent availed themselves to this, choosing to suffer rather than to assist in any way the enemies of our country. Seven Spencer County boys died there, passing through the tortures of a holy martyrdom. History tells of no greater sacrifices than those made by these Andersonville patriots.

The wonder is that any lived to tell the tale. Comrade George Musson, representing the Indiana G.A.R., in his address related this incident of an Iowa soldier:

''John January saw scurvy ulcers attack his mouth, then his feet and eat until his toes dropped off one by one, when in desperation he besought his comrades to cut them off to the good, sound flesh, but none would dare, and he looked and looked until, driven mad by the sight, he took his own knife and sharpened it for the ordeal, cut off one foot and later, the other, sewing up the flesh with common thread. He lived to tell the story to thousands and died a half dozen years ago on the Iowa and Minnesota line.''

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 4, 1910.)

A divorced couple remarried

Milford Scott and Nora Emmick who were divorced in the Spencer Circuit Court last Saturday, were granted license by circuit clerk Howard Wednesday to marry again.

It is said that the bride obtained a copy of the decree of the court granting her custody of their infant child and delivered it to the sheriff of Dubois County, where Scott lives for him to secure the child and deliver it to her.

The sheriff made an attempt in that direction but failed, Scott refusing to surrender the child. The sheriff then took eight men with him, but Scott met them at the door with his gun and told them that they would have to kill him before they secured the child and the first one that entered the yard would be shot.

Knowing something of Scott's character, they gave up the task. It will be remembered that Scott gave the whole police force of Evansville all they wanted to arrest him about two years ago. He fought them like a tiger, but was finally over-powered, brought to this county and sent to the State's prison for two years for grand larceny. It is to be hoped he and his wife will have smoother sailing in the future.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 9, 1890.)

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Newfoundland dog saves boy's life

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Saved by a dog

While out walking at Grandview Wednesday afternoon Joe Nelson discovered two little boys playing on the iron bridge at that place. As the water was very high he cautioned the boys to go home where they would be out of danger.

They refused and Mr. Nelson started away, but had only gotten a short distance when he heard a splash and looking around saw that one of the boys was missing. Rushing back to the place where the little fellow had fallen in he found that his dog, a large Newfoundland, had jumped in and caught the boy and swam to shore with him, but the bank being perpendicular and about two feet above the water he could not get up but held on until Mr. Nelson could get him out.

After a good shakeup the little fellow soon came to and was taken home. His name as Hiram Currey, son of Dr. Currey, about six years of age, and his parents supposed he was at school.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 12, 1893.)

In memoriam

Died, of spotted fever, in Richland City, Spencer County, Ind., March 27th, 1872, Mary, daughter of L.W. and Mary Goodman, aged 2 years, 10 months and 17 days.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 12, 1873.)

Lincoln and his mother

It is said that in 1830, on moving to Illinois, the Lincoln family, as was the custom, spent the night with a neighbor, their goods being packed in wagons, ready for an early start the next day.

Soon after retiring, Abraham waked the boy with whom he was sleeping and begged him to accompany him to his mother's grave. His companion consented and together they made their way through the forest to the lonely grave on the hill top. Throwing himself upon the mound Abraham kept his vigil until dawn, then, returning silently, he set forth with the family on the way to Illinois, never again to visit the loved spot.

The story recurred to me as I looked at the humble grave, surrounded by the giants of the forest, covered with the dropping acorn shells and glorified by the pole rays of the winter sun.

After all, Nancy Lincoln's best monument was that last loving vigil of her son.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 13, 1893.)

Zippora Agan-Tuley

Was born Dec. 11, 1827, died March 9, 1900, aged 72 years, 2 months and 28 days. She was a native of Orange County, Indiana, from whence she removed to Spencer County with her parents in 1850.

In 1853 she became the wife of John Tuley with whom she lived happily until about one vear ago when his death occurred, and since his death her one desire has been to join him at the throne of God. When the summons came she breathed the last in the hope of a glorious resurrection, as those who long to hear the words "thou hast been faithful in a few things. I will make thee ruler over many."

Mrs. Tuley professed faith in Christ and joined the primitive Baptist church in 1860, in which she lived a devoted Christian life unto the end, and she often said her faith grew stronger day by day. To the children left behind she would often say, weep not but treasure a mother's words of counsel and advice, and be ready when the summons comes to meet father and mother in a haven of rest. This gives much consolation, for we know our loss is her eternal gain. We'll strive to meet her above, where all is joy and peace and love. A Dear Friend.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 23, 1900.)

Married

At the home of J.S. Coles last Thursday night, Mr. August Bauer of Eppingen, Baden, Germany, and Miss Anna Werkhausen of Duisburg, Rhine Provinz, Germany, were married by Squire William Jones. The groom is a marble cutter in the employ of Mr. Coles and has been in this country only 13 months; the bride has been here just a year.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 12, 1909.)

Old gun found

While out hunting Anton Bettag found an old gun in a hollow tree, which apparently had been there for a century, and appears to be a relic of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Bettag sold the gun to W.L. Miller of Huntingburg, who sent it to the museum of Curiosities at Cincinnati.

Mariah Hill News

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 21, 1897.)

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Man killed beneath moving train

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Under the wheels

John Boyer, assistant watchman at the Air Line depot in this city, fell beneath the moving cars Wednesday about 2 p.m., and was mangled in a horrible manner, one arm and a leg being severed from his body, and his body cut in two, causing death in a few minutes.

The afternoon train came in and after discharging its passengers, as usual, backed up above the switch leading to the turntable and engine horse, where Boyer uncoupled the engine from the coaches and then attempted to climb in the front coach to set the brakes, but missed his footing and fell in front of the cars with the result as above stated.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 6, 1894.)

Josephine Ice dies

Josephine Ice, wife of Gearon Ice, who lives about four miles southeast of here, died last Sunday, Feb. 6, 1898, of pneumonia, aged 52 years.

She was a member of the M.E. church and died in the full faith of the Lord. She was a sister of Joseph Cissna, who lives two miles west of here, and leaves beside him eight children and a husband. The funeral was preached at Cross Roads Church by the regular pastor after which the remains were interred in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

(Taken from Carrye Tabelman collection.)

First newspaper

The First Newspaper, July 1837, by Thomas J. Langdon-Gazette—defunct the year of its birth. In 1848 Langdon started the Planter.

Eureka items

Messrs. William Middleton and George Deeg went to Cincinnati last week with fine cattle.

Jim Hatfield is the happiest man in Luce Township. It's a boy and weighs 10 pounds.

Mr. Polk Parker was fined $5 and costs for an assault on John Pattie and Pattie was also fined $5 for more than defending his person.

The saloon keeper of this place and Fairfight have taken advantage of the cold snap and stowed away plenty of ice to keep things cold next summer.

We are blessed with a new boot and shoe shop in our town. Anyone needing a half or whole sole can be accommodated by calling on our town.

(Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Jan. 22, 1887.)

Alonzo Ayer called home

Alonzo L. Ayer died suddenly of heart failure last Thursday, Nov. 27, 1913, at the home at the age of 78 years, 6 months and 21 days.

He was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, May 6, 1835. He lived in Hamilton County until 25 years of age when he was married to Miss Mary J. McClain July 29, 1860 and removed to Spencer County, Indiana, where he has resided most of the time since.

To their union 12 children were born, four boys and eight girls. Three boys and three girls preceded him to the Better Land. Those that survive him are Mrs. D.J. Smith of Chrisney, Mrs. Jacob Rosenfeld, William Riley Ayer and Mrs. C.O. Bise of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. John Rue of Rockport and Mrs. Nettie Johns of Fowles, Calif.

When the Civil War broke out he rallied to his country's call. He enlisted in Company C. 42 Reg. Ind. Vol. Infantry and served for nearly 1½ years and received an honorable discharge for disability. He joined the U.B. church shortly after coming to this county, then after moving to Chrisney he united with the M.E. church at this place and was a faithful member until his death.

About 1898 he was married to Mrs. Rebecca Painter of Duff. Ind., who still survives him. His companion has lost an affectionate husband, his children a loving father, the church a faithful member and the community a good respectful citizen. The funeral was held at the M.E. church conducted by the Rev. W.P. Wallace and was buried by the Grand Army Post of which he was a member and was laid to rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery Sunday morning.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun clipping of Jessie Fueger.)

Marriage Licenses

John James, 27, coal digger, to Caroline Sartire, 39.

Clarence Smith, 30, lineman, to Lettie Hedges, 20, telephone operator, Owensboro.

John M. Cohoon, 46, farmer, to Ada Fleeger, 19, Jackson Township.

Arthur Oskins, 36, farmer, to Catherine Barker, 34.

Samuel F. McLaughlin, 71, farmer, to Sarah E. Dugan, 60.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 14, 1906.)

Query

Reba Masterson Shepard of 1820 NE Jensen Beach Blvd. #545, Jensen Beach, Fla., 33457, wants questions answered about the Masterson family. David Masterson moved from Kentucky to Spencer County, Ind., around 1840 and died probably in Spencer County around 1844, leaving widow (second wife) Nancy Thompson Masterson, children from his first marriage to Emily Reynolds, and sons by Nancy. Shepard wants to know the burial place of David and of Emily, and desire to make contact with any descendant, or any researcher with information on David or his family. She has much information on early Mastersons and will exchange. She and her husband are editors of the Masterson Family Newsletter and Historical Journal. This is a quarterly publication and interested Mastersons should contact her.

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Metcalf Mine accident leads to death

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Accident at Metcalf Mine

While George Thorpe and Joseph Malter were preparing a blast in the Metcalf Mine at Dale, Malter accidently dropped a spark in the powder keg and there was an explosion. Both men were knocked senseless, and Malter was so badly injured that he soon died.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 27, 1894.)

Old Mill Dam at Huffman

Arrangements have been made to do away with the old mill dam at Huffman's Mill on Anderson Creek, and when that is done one of the ancient landmarks of Spencer County will have been removed.

The landowners on the creek above the dam have paid the owner to remove it and will entirely do away with the mill. They claim that it backs the water upon their land, causes it to overflow, interferes with tiling and is regarded as a menace to the health of the locality.

The first mill was built on that site about the year 1812 and has been rebuilt two or three times. It was the first water mill built in Southern Indiana and was patronized for 20 miles around. Abraham Lincoln was one of its patrons in his boyhood.

Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 9, 1906.)

Remembering a flood

Five years ago last Tuesday, the memorable flood of the Ohio Valley reached its highest point. It was also the fifth anniversary of the storm in which the bridal party took refuge from the waves in a tree opposite this city and were rescued by Messrs. John M., H.L. and G.W. Langdon, R.A. Walker Jr. and John Kimm, who went to them in skiffs at the risk of their own lives. It will long be remembered by those who witnessed the terrible scene.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Feb. 23, 1889.)

Death of John Graham

Hon. J.W. Graham was born in Nelson County, Ky., March 11, 1791. He was married to his bereaved widow July 12, 1817, and they removed to Spencer County, Indiana, somewhere about the year 1820.

Judge Graham was for some 14 years Judge of the Probate Court, and one term honored the Legislature of Indiana by representing this county in that body. He was a soldier in the War of 1812 and served in the expedition to Upper Canada under Gov. Shelby of Kentucky.

He was a man of intrinsic worth. A Christian citizen, husband, father; in all the varied walks of life a man influenced by religious principle. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church but a short time after he settled in this state, of which religious body he remained a firm and consistent member until death removed him to "the Jerusalem above, the mother of us all."

Judge Graham was a model of courtesy and gentlemanly bearing without an approach to affectation; he went in and out among us in such a manner as to command universal respect. He was a merciful man. Every true tale of distress moved his sympathetic heart—his hand was open as day to meeting charity. His death was to this community a public calamity, but it is his eternal gain.

His wife and children have lost a kind husband and father. And the church is not alone that branch to which he belonged, but the whole church, has lost in him a man of exemplary life—a living epistle known and read by all. He died Feb. 20, 1855 at 2 a.m.

(Taken from The Planter, March 10, 1855.)

Horse injury results in death

Ernest Bretz, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bretz, of near Cross Road, while horseback riding one day last week was injured internally by the sudden stopping of the horse and suffered severely until Tuesday noon, when death came as a relief.

He was a good, well-behaved, energetic boy and his sudden and untimely taking away is deeply regretted by the many friends of the family, who sympathize sincerely with them in their sad bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted at the Lutheran Church at Centerville Wednesday at one o'clock by the Revs. Armstrong and Winter of Rockport, after which the remains were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery there.

Note: He died Nov. 24, 1903 from Volume I cemetery inscription.

Query

Joan Clark of 14734-104 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, TSN, OXS, is looking for the parents of Sarah Elizabeth Wright born Jan. 22, 1815 in Tennessee. She married William Joseph Gentry Feb. 17, 1833 in Spencer County, Indiana, and died in Heppner, Oregon June 16, 1896.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

German farmer found dead under wheat

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German farmer found dead

The body of William Reek, a German farmer, living near Midway in Spencer County, was found last week, a mile from Rockport, lying beneath a load of wheat.

He left home Monday and in trying to drive across a trestle, the wagon overturned falling 25 feet, the weight killing him. He was intoxicated.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Sept. 11, 1896.)

Recollections of the old school system

Forty years ago, in some of our schoolboy days, the schoolhouses were built of logs, some round, some scored on two sides. In size they were generally 16 by 20 feet, a wide fireplace in one end with a long horizontal window in the other. The floor was made of rough jointed plank, sawed on the old-fashioned sash saw mill.

We remember the door and benches compared favorably with the main structure, the door being what we called a batten, hung with hook and eye wooden hinges; the common door latches of today, it seems, were unknown or could not be procured, therefore the string latch was resorted to.

The writer remembers going to one school, in the vicinity of Mary Abshire's home called the Nunn schoolhouse, where the teacher had a forked stick hung on a peg by the door. When a scholar wished to retire it was the teacher's rule for them to take the stick; on returning they must hang it in its place. The benches were made of logs split open, with holes bored and pins about 18" long in the oval side, the split side up. When used two or three years answered tolerably well, as the splinters were about worn off by that time.

The rod and dunce cap were the main instruments for governing the pupils. The writer has even seen a teacher throw an open pocketknife at scholars, then request them to bring it to him. Oh! What a change since then.

How thankful the school children of today should be for the present system of school government, with the free school for every child, be it ever so poor. There is ample room for all in our commodious schoolhouses. We are glad to note that children can be governed in our schools at present without either rod or dunce cap. Let us, one and all, indorse the grand organization of the township institute.

The writer would like for some one more able than himself, also of more ancient recollection and experience, to give us a short history of the old log cabin school building and mode of teaching in Spencer County 50 years ago. A subscriber.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, March 23, 1889.)

Jennie M. Daugherty dies

Jennie M. Daugherty was born Jan. 10, 1856, near Forest Grove schoolhouse, on the old homestead owned, at that time, by her father, William Spradlin, who was among the first settlers, and one of the honored pioneers of Spencer County.

Jennie was the youngest daughter of a family of seven children, four daughters and three sons, Elijah and John of Shiloh, Douglas of Rockport, her three sisters preceded her to the great beyond several years ago.

She was married Dec. 8, 1886, to John B. Daugherty and three children were born into this home; the first, a boy, died in infancy. Two daughters survive, Mrs. Goldie Phelps, and Mrs. Sylvia Hammond of Evansville, with whom she lived, and passed away to be with God on March 4. She was converted early in life, lived a life of service, not only to her Master, but those who needed her aid.

Her husband died Jan. 24, 1898. Her little girls were small and helpless, but she had the mother love that made self denial and hard work a pleasant task, for the ones she loved. She was truly a devoted mother and made a brave and heroic fight to raise and educate her children and succeeded well and was justly proud of her work when it was finished.

The funeral was conducted at Shiloh Sunday morning, the Rev. E.M. Davis officiating.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 11, 1921.)

Accidentally shot

James Bunner, age 20 years, accidentally killed, by a shotgun Tuesday morning, five miles east of town.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 28, 1896.)

No hunting

Notice is hereby given that trespassing or hunting with dog or gun on land controlled by the undersigned is strictly forbidden:

John Conner, George S. Smith, John M. Doyle, John T. Beard, Henry Dean, C.F. Wetherill, John T. White, Sam Miller, Everett H. Bennett, all of Hammond Township.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Nov. 29, 1917.)

Queries

Norma Musgrove Craig of Route 4, Box 191A, Ada, Okla., 74820, wishes to correspond with anyone that would have information on the following Indiana ancestors: Samuel and Elizabeth "Brand" Musgrave. They migrated from Lancaster County, Pa., through West Virginia, Kentucky and into Warrick County, Ind., in the early 1800s. They died there 1834 and 1843.

Also: George and Elizabeth "Winkler" Medcalf, moved from Daviess County, Ky., about 1830, to Spencer County, Ind. George's parents were George Sr. and Nancy Medcalf, who lived and died in Daviess County, Ky. Does anyone have any records of the senior Medcalf family? She would appreciate the information and will answer all letters.

December 17, 1987

Government tombstones given to veterans

Twenty-six government headstones for deceased soldiers arrived here last Friday in care of W.F. Barney.

They came from the West Rutland, Vermont, quarries and are nicely gotten up, containing the name, company and regiment to which the soldier belonged. They can be found in T.E. Snyder's building, lately occupied by H.C. Penecost, and it is desired that the friends and relatives will come promptly and take charge of them and place them at the soldiers' graves.

There are no charges attached. The following is the list:

George P. Dantic, 42d IN; Enos Overlin, 42d; J.C. Williams, 42d; J.W. Simpers, 42d; J.F. Richey, 42d; August Kalkman, 42d; Lewis Bachman, 42d; William Houghland, 25th IN; Joshua Staniford, 25th; William M. Smith, 25th; John M. Davis, 25th; F.G. Cosler, 25th; C.B. Bullock, 53rd IN; A.M. Nanney, 53rd; J.M. Fleming, 53rd; J.S. Small, 65th IN; J.F. Nevit, 65th; F. Bresler, 1st IN Cav.; Edwin White, 4th IN Cav.; William C. Smith, 91st IN; William Fortune, 10th IN Cav.; D.L. Peacock, 12th Ky. Cav.; William J. Halen, 12th Ky. Cav.; James Holcom, 12th Ky. Cavi.; William Burroughs, 12th Ky. Cav.; J.C. Robinson, 24th Ohio.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 19, 1888.)

Dies at age 105

Anderson Tomason, aged 105 years, died Sunday at Rockport. (A slave for 75 years). His first master was Nelson Tomason of North Carolina.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 17, 1895.)

Obituary of Matilda Cadick

One hundred years ago, a youth named Thomas Lloyd, harking to the old Ocean's call, forsook the place of his nativity, in London, England, and for seven years went down into the sea in ships. At Ponico, Md., he met Belle, a girl recently arrived from Scotland, who became his wife.

In 1837, Thomas and Belle, with their babe, Matilda, then of two years, struck the westward trail, journeying in a covered emigrant wagon, later known as the prairie schooner, all the way from Maryland and locating on the farm three miles west of Rockport known as the Markland place, where they lived for a period of years, moving from there to Rockport, where Matilda attended school and removing from here to the vicinity of Buffaloville where Matilda, then aged 19, was married to the late William Cadick.

The first home of William and Matilda was a log house in the heart of the virgin wilderness three miles east of the site of Newtonville, near the spot where Collin's Chapel now stands. After a few years, William, being a lumberman, erected a house on a hill in the forest one mile west of Newtonville. They blazed a winding path through the woods to the log schoolhouse for their children.

In 1870 they moved to Grandview and 10 years later to Rockport, where Mrs. Cadick has since lived.

She is survived by two sons, Denby E. Cadick of Grandview, and Thomas W. Cadick of Washington, D.C., and by two daughters, Mrs. Levina DeBruler and Mrs. Jean Winn, both of Rockport, a daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Hammond having preceded her to the grave by three years. A sister of the whole blood, Mrs. Jane Emmick of Evansville, and two sisters of the half blood, Mrs. Anna Hatfield and Mrs. Belle Stocking, also survive, together with numerous grandchildren, two of whom, William T. and Barney Cadick, were at one time members of her family, the latter being so for nearly his entire life.

Her early toil found in her old age a gain to match in the devotion and affection, loyalty toward her of her children and grandchildren; Mrs. Winn mothered her mother to the last with sweetest devotion, and her son, Denby, honored her constantly with the filial love of a strong good man for a good, strong mother, all of which added to her usual good health and well poised mind made her daily life enjoyable and inspired in her the desire to live on and on.

She and her husband in youth joined the New Hope Baptist Church at Newtonville and never withdrew from that membership.

She was stricken with a fatal illness last November and although retaining her mental faculties to the last and aware that the end was inevitably near, she never spoke of her own death; but with the same tender kindness, calm courage, patient fortitude and unwavering faith in Christ that had characterized her pure and pious life.

She died Saturday morning, Aug. 12, 1922. The span of her life, 87 years, 1 month and 19 days, seems long and yet how short it is compared with the eternity from whence she came and the eternity to which she has gone. The funeral was conducted at the residence, corner of Elm and Second Streets, Monday afternoon by the Rev. W.C. Polson of the Baptist church.

Note: Sunset Hill stone says Aug. 14, 1922.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 18, 1922.)

Queries

Robert L. Whiles of 12541 Cuesta Drive, Cerritos, Calif., 90701, is seeking information on John Pullen, born in Virginia in 1810 and Charlotte Bennett, born in Ohio in 1813. They married Nov. 13, 1834 in Spencer County, Ind. Their children were William Bennett, born in 1837; Mary E., born in 1839; Margaret E., born in 1843 and died in 1850; Francis, born in 1850. John Pullen was a Spencer County Commissioner. He and Charlotte last appear on 1860 Spencer County, Ohio Township. He needs death dates and burial information.

Also he would like any information on William Bennett born in 1787 in Virginia and Margaret? born in Virginia in 1792. The children are believed to be David, born in Ohio in 1809; Charlotte, born in Ohio in 1813; James P., born in Ohio in 1814. The family may have lived in Preble County, Ohio, prior to Spencer County, Ind. In 1820 the First Methodist Church was organized in Spencer County at the home of William (Squire) Bennett. William and Margaret last appear on 1850 Spencer County, IN, census in Ohio Township. He needs death and burial information.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Local residents write to Santa years ago

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Dear Santa Claus

Richland, Ind., Dec. 17, 1924
Dear Santa Claus,

I want you to bring me some marbles and some story books, a drum, a writing desk and chair, a cap pistol and some oranges and apples and some peanuts. Please don't forget my Aunt Edythe and Aunt Mayme who are in the sanitarium sick; also my Uncle Ivan and Aunt Bess, who are so good to me.

Goodbye dear Santa Claus.

Ivan Cleon Brown

(Taken from Rockport Journal.)

Amelia Feigel dies

Amelia Feigel was born near Blenheim on the Danube River, close to the French border, in 1846, and died at the home of John R. and Elsie Feigel in Evansville, Ind., on May 4, 1923, aged 76 years, 11 months and 25 days.

At the age of 10 years, she, with two sisters, Barbara and Catherine, and three brothers, Fred, Adam and John, all then children, came to this country, landing at New Orleans at the end of a sailing voyage of 45 days duration. A sister, Julia, who started with them, died and was buried at sea. The surviving three brothers and three sisters, in 1856, journeyed from New Orleans to Rockport, where they joined their father, Martin, and their eldest brother, Philip, who had shortly preceded them to this place.

Of this family, she was the youngest and, likewise, the last to go hence. Her living collateral kindred are numerous. Her annals are the plain and simple story of a quiet shaded life. Poor and humble at the start, but dint of strength, industry and thrift toiling with her hands, and unassisted silent, modest and prayerful, she earned her way to a home of her own, appointed to suit her own peculiar fancy and refined tastes, where she spent her declining years among her beloved trees, shrubs and flowers, with the family of her own choice.

She never married but lavished the bounteous affection of her large and tender heart upon her kindred. In her own sympathetic way, her deep sorrows for the griefs of others were pent up unspoken in her own breast, like billows that burst in mid-ocean and are never heard on the shore.

The funeral was conducted at Kopp's Chapel Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. Guy V. Hartman. The burial was at Sunset Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 11, 1923.)

Jurors for Circuit Court

Grand Jury--William Schwartz, Carter Twp.; H.H. Bohn, Clay Twp.; Adam Baum, Grass Twp.; Jacob Neu, Harrison Twp.; F.M. Hancock, Hammond Twp.; John Huffman, Ohio Twp. The jury meets on the first day of term.

Petit Jury--Riley Huffman, Harrison Twp.; William Brooks, Aaron Ayers, Hammond Twp.; James Romine, Clay Twp.; John H. Mason, Anthony Dodd, Luce Twp.; Jacob S. Harrison, Grass Twp.; George Wilsman, Carter Twp.; William E. Ourcell, Huff Twp.; Joseph D. Shrode, George Boyd, Ohio Twp.; Fred Frakes, Jackson Twp. Jury meets on second Monday of the term.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket March 30, 1889.)

Burial at Lincoln City

Mrs. Martha Summer, aged 69, widow of Fielding Summer, deceased, died at Princeton last Saturday and the remains were buried at Lincoln City Sunday. She was the mother of 11 children, 10 of whom are living and attended the funeral. Her husband was killed by a train near Lincoln City about 20 years ago.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 15, 1907.)

Rockport, Ind., Dec. 1925

Dear Santa:

How are you? I hope you are all right. I wish you a merry Christmas. Please tell all children I wish them a merry Christmas also you are a good Santa. I love you. Please visit all the homes of little children, and be sure to remember Bobby and me this year. We try hard to be good. I am six years old and Bobby is two. I go to school and am in the second grade. Bobby and I love good eats and pretty toys. I love you.

Ellen Joyce Squier

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 18, 1925.)

Celebrate 60 years together

Two families in Chrisney celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this week. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Baker and Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Bays. They were married the same day, month and year. These grand old men marched from Atlanta to the sea with Sherman; are daily associates as friends; have lived in this locality since the war. Both are hale and hearty. Mr. and Mrs. Baker spread dinner Sunday for their immediate family and a few friends. Not many localities can boast of an event like this. We honor them: wishing the remainder of their journey in life to be even more happy than their past, if possible, was expressed by everyone present either in words or actions.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 20, 1935.)

Query

John and Betty McCoskey of Route 3, Box 17, Scottsburg, IN, 47170, are researching the following surnames: Eskridge, Hutchinson, Wire and Royal.

Harold Cox of 2900 S. Pennsylvania #9, Indianapolis, IN, 46225, recently was told about: "Joseph Cater commissioned lieutenant in the 4th Regiment from Spencer County, August 1818." Can anyone help him find where the source document is located, if existing? It was supposedly found in "Executive Proceedings in Indiana 1816-1836" copyright 1947 by the Indiana Historical Bureau (353.2) on page 75. He has written state and federal for war records to no avail. If you have searched this family and have answers, he will be very happy to hear from you.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Revolutionary War soldier is buried near Dale

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

A Revolutionary soldier

The death of John N. Jones at Dale a few days ago has brought out the fact that the Jones family is one of the pioneer families of the county and that one of the ancestors of this family, a Revolutionary War soldier, lies buried at the Brown graveyard one mile west of Dale.

James Jones referred to above was born in North Carolina July 4, 1760. At the age of 17 he and another brother joined the American Army and fought for the cause of liberty under George Washington until the close of the war in 1783. They fought at Cowpens, Eutaw Springs and at Guilford courthouse. At the close of the war James married and settled in his native state, where he reared a large family of children. The family later decided to move to the West. Loading his wife and 13 children into a rude wagon the journey was started. After many hardships a suitable location was found in the state of Kentucky. Two of the sons decided to come to Indiana and they did.

They crossed the Ohio at Rockport, one of them, James, the grandfather of James A. Jones, of this city settled on the Payne farm south of Rockport. The other son, William, went to the vicinity of Dale and settled. Each has many descendants in this county. Some of the prominent families that we have trace their lineage to these two men.

After the two sons were comfortably located, the father decided to visit them in their Indiana home. He came and spent some time with James Jr., and then went to Dale for a visit with his son, William. While there he took sick and died. He was buried as stated above and the following inscription is on the marker of his grave: "In memory of James Jones, father of William K. Jones, born on July 4th, 1760, died September 22nd, 1851, aged 91 years, 2 months and 18 days."

At the time of his death he had 88 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

On Sept. 22 of this year James A. Jones and family went to the grave and by the use of acids were able to make out the inscription on the marker, which had become very dim.

Many of the readers of The Journal would be interested in knowing the names and burial places of all the Revolutionary heroes that sleep beneath the county's soil.

Note: As a new member of the Spier Spencer DAR, I, Sharon Patmore, am interested in information concerning burial places of Revolutionary soldiers buried in Spencer County, IN. Call at 362-7268 or write to the Rockport library in care of the Historical Society. Thanks.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 20, 1922.)

Old historic coincidence

Frank Pond, the engineer who piloted Lincoln's Funeral Train in 1865, still is in active service. Although 83 years old, he runs a pony engine at the Dosineee, Wis., Paper Mills and works every day.

Pond was fireman on the engine that pulled the train which carried Lincoln as President-elect to Washington, and by something like coincidence he was fated to take this great and good man back again to his final rest. Often the way things happen, almost indicate design.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 25, 1924.)

Twenty-five year old news of 1888

The windows in the saloon of John Wahl were demolished Saturday night.

John S. Medcalf, son of Dr. A.F. Medcalf, aged 35 years, died Friday.

Mr. Kimberlin, of the defunct Gentryville paper, will start a paper at Newburgh.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 7, 1913.)

Member of Union Army dies

William Gray, who served four years in the Union Army, a member of the 25th Ind., died on the 4th of May, in the poorhouse, after a long illness of consumption.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, May 18, 1894.)

Half Chinese woman

(Taken from Cannelton Telephone News)

Two weeks ago in Spencer County, about three miles above Owensboro, Mrs. James Barker, (nee Josie Millership) of Hawesville, Ky., died of diptheria. The family lived in Cannelton for several years past, occupying rooms in Irvin's on the riverfront, up to about three months ago. Deceased was the daughter of Eliza Millership of Hawesville, who died some 12-15 years ago and was half Chinese. The remains were buried where she died as the authorities would not allow her to be removed to Hawesville for burial on account of contagion, diptheria being "catching."

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 16, 1906.)

Mrs. Rout dies of heart failure

Mrs. Almira Rout, a well known lady of Lincoln City, died at her home at the place Friday, after a continued illness of heart failure. She had reached the advanced age of 85 years. The funeral services and interment took place at the Conner Cemetery south of Santa Fe, Saturday.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 1, 1915.)

Query

James W. Milner of 14401 W. Woodland Drive, New Berlin, WI, 53151, wants to know about Mary E. Milner (buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Spencer County, Ind.), the same persons listed in 1880 census in Breckinridge County, Ky., with children, Martha M., William, Mary E. and James R. Is this the same woman? Did Martha M. (Mattie/Matt) marry M. Guy? Did daughter Mary E. marry John Milner? Did James R. marry Daisy Small on July 16, 1900 in Rockport? Is Lana Milner Wolford (also buried in Sunset Hill) related? He is seeking correspondence and information and will exchange with anyone working on the names Milner, Guy, Wolford, Small and Kern.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

18-year-old petrified body found in Ohio River

Petrified body found in river

According to the belief of W.H. Axton, Rockport, the petrified body fished out of the Ohio River here a few days ago is the body of Warren Niblack, who lost his life in the river about 18 years ago.

He says the body corresponds in description to the body of young Niblack and he is quite positive that he has identified the body. He says the length, the shape of the head and the size of the hands all go to prove that the body is of Niblack.

Eighteen years ago Warren Niblack, a man with a wife and one child and about 40 years old, left Rockport on an up-river trip to collect for his father, who owned a large flouring mill. There were several points along the river between Rockport and Louisville that could not be reached by rail and young Niblack was forced to make these towns in a skiff. He disappeared on the trip and was never seen alive after that time. The river was searched but the body of the young man was never found. He carried life insurance to the amount of $2,000, and the company paid this on condition that the family would give a bond for $2,000 to be turned over to the company in case that young Niblack ever turned up alive.

The attorneys for Lewis Lamb, who sued Capt. Eigenmann for the possession of the body, will ask that the body be brought into court Monday when the case is called.

Evansville Courier

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 10, 1902.)

Newspaper gives credit in 1887

Some leaders and businessmen have adopted a good plan to ascertain to whom to give credit. When a man asks for credit the dealer or party of whom the indulgence is asked, ascertains if the applicant is a subscriber to a county paper and if so whether he pays promptly. If he does, he gets the credit. If he does not, credit is refused him. The criterion is a good one to judge by.

(Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Jan. 22, 1887.)

Golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Absolem R. Gentry Sr. celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding last Tuesday at their home one mile south of town. About 40 guests outside of the immediate family gathered to do honor to the occasion.

On the 10th day of February, 1853 Absolem R. Gentry and Eliza A. Snyder plighted their troth to each other in the presence of their friends, little dreaming of the many vicissitudes and changes that would be wrought along their life way within the next half a century.

Rev. John Smith, a local minister united them in marriage. Both were born and reared in Spencer County near the place where they began life's fortune for themselves, which was on a farm on the river just south of Rockport. They lived there during the first six years of their wedded life when they removed to their present home, which was at that day in the midst of the dense forest. Here the woodman's axe and the plow share did their work and Mr. and Mrs. Gentry now have an elegant home and as productive a farm as can be found. Uncle Ab loves, to this day, to tell of the squirrels and coons and other varments he used to kill in the woodland near the house. Here in making farms 34 years ago Mr. Gentry and Mr. Willis Haines, his near neighbor, say they have ''deadened,'' felled and burned enough fine white oak and poplar trees to make a man feel rich if he could have it here in these later days.

Mr. and Mrs. Gentry had 10 children, eight of whom are living. These are Misses Anna, Hannah, Rose and Mary Gentry and Louis A., E. Grant, Absolem R. Jr. and Jay G. All of these children, except Jay G., with friends and relatives, numbering near 40, met Tuesday morning at the Gentry homestead to congratulate Uncle Ab and Aunt Liza. The forenoon was spent in recounting reminiscence of days long gone by, how they reaped their wheat with a sickel and mowed their meadows with a scythe; how they often cut poplar trees which today would fetch a fortune, just to catch a coon; how the river was high 50 years ago today as it is at this time.

The noon hour having arrived all were invited into the dining room and there was surely a sight to make glad the heart of a hungry mortal. To say the table ''groaned'' under its load of good things is putting it in as simple a way as could be. After all had partaken bountifully of the good things the company was entertained in the parlors with a graphaphone concert and violin and piano music. All were gathered on the lawn and a picture made of the group. More talk, more music followed. In the late afternoon the company separated wishing Mr. and Mrs. Gentry many more happy years together on earth.

Among the older guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Willis Haines who celebrated their golden wedding just two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Stocking whose golden wedding anniversary will occur on the 13th day of October, this year. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Snyder, Mrs. Ann Romine, Mrs. Wayne Brown, Mrs. Nan Brady and Mrs. Leil Haines.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 13, 1903.)

Query

Richard A. Nash of Route 2, Box 198, Neodesha, Kan., 66757, is interested in tracing the Kellams (Kellums) present-day families in Spencer County, Ind. He has traced to Wesley, former publisher and editor of the Rockport Democrat, and his parents, Gideon and Maria (Egnew) Kellams. He knows that Gideon was a son of John and Katherine (Gunterman) Kellums, but is trying to get back two or three

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SAR looking for soldier burial places

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

SAR looking for burial places

As to burial places of all Revolutionary soldiers in Spencer County: Only a few are known.

The Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is trying to locate the graves of every Revolutionary soldier buried in this state, and have sent requests to all the Grand Army Posts to assist in the work.

In response to this request, G.T. Mead, a member of J.C. Veatch post, of this city, wrote a letter to the secretary of the society, giving the names and places of burials of two of the Revolutionary patriots, Luther Adams, Mr. Mead's great-grandfather buried near Ireland in Dubois County, and William Kelley, buried about six miles east of Rockport near Grandview.

C.F. Posson on Brazil, Ind., chairman of the society committee on Patriots Markets, in reply to Mr. Mead's letter states: The pension list of 1835 show seven pensioners of the Revolutionary War as residing in Spencer County in that year. Their names are as follows: Thomas Blair, David Chancellor, Lodowick Davis, Abraham Hornback, James Pollard, Henry Shaw and Thomas Turnham. The pension list of 1840 shows that two of these patriots were still residing in Spencer County, David Chancellor, aged 84, residing with John Smith, and Lodowick Davis, aged 76 years and was head of family.

In addition to these two, the 1840 pension list shows two others not given in the list of 1835. They are Zachariah Bryant, aged 75, head of family, and Nicholas Miller, aged 77, residing with Barney Miller.

This information may lead to the location of the graves of those patriots in this county. If anyone knows of the place of burial of any of these or other Revolutionary soldiers in this county, will they please report the facts to G.T. Mead, or The Journal, Rockport, IN.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 2, 1921.)

Please report any information on Revolutionary soldier graves to the Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, 47635. Several are reported as buried here but gravestones were not found.

Alonzo Griffith dies

Alonzo Griffith, aged 75 years, died at his home at the Rockport junction Monday after several weeks of illness of paralysis. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Charles Atkinson of French Lick officiating, and the interment was at Stark Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Report, Oct. 22, 1915.)

NOTE: No stone was found in 1985.

Wife of George Metcalf dies

The wife of George Metcalf dies of consumption on Feb. 19, 1886, in Boonville. Mary L. Metcalf, wife of George, aged 31 years, died of consumption. Leaving a husband and son, she is buried in Clay Township, Spencer County, and interred in Little Pigeon graveyard.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, Feb. 20, 1886.)

NOTE: No stone.

50th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. William G. Tabelman, Chrisney, Ind., celebated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 9, at their home. They were married 50 years ago Dec. 11.

Mr. Tabelman is 77 and Mrs. Tabelman, 74. The couple reside on a farm near Lamar, Ind., until 1926, when they moved to Chrisney where he has been associated with his sons in the firm, Tabelman Bros. Lumber and Hardware Co.

Mr. Tabelman was the trustee of Clay Township six years, and since he has been living in Chrisney, has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Zion's Evangelical and Reformed Church.

They have two sons, Alfred and Raymond, three granddaughters, Georgia Lee, Lois Alma and Sharon Rae Tabelman.

(Taken from Tabelman collection.)

Chrisney Sun News of 1940

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Beeler announce the birth of a son on Sunday, July 28.

Herbie Kinney of Evansville spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Sam Eiceman and family.

Mrs. Alley and children, Mary, Rilla and Joe were in Rockport Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bell and daughter, Maxine, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Purviance and daughter, Esther, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonzo Varner attended camp meeting at Tennyson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dorsey of Evansville spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harva Moore at Bloomfield.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, September 1940.)

Mr. Brown dies

Died, on the 14th inst. Mr. William Brown Sr., aged 48 years. Mr. Brown leaves a widow and four children, a mother and brothers, sisters, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mr. Brown lived near here for many years and ranked among the best citizens of our county. He was strictly honest, upright, sociable and a well-to-do farmer. His life is worthy of limitation.

Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 22, 1887.)

Query

Gertrude Harter Hammons of 5405 300th St. NW Stanwood, WA, 98292, is seeking descendants of Elmer Harter. She has a photo to share with others along with some information. She is also trying to find info on Catherine Harter that came to Indiana about 1820 from Bourbon County, Ky., with three children. Husband must have died in Kentucky?

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Gold ring for sweetheart is found 17 years after being lost in yard

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Ring found after 17 years

Joe Fendel gave Mrs. Fendel a gold ring while she was yet a girl. She kept it a number of years after they were married. Seventeen years ago one of the children was playing with it and lost it.

On last Friday one of the neighbors was at their home on business. While standing a few feet from the back door he noticed something shining on the ground. He picked it up and it proved to be this ring. They looked inside and it was marked, "From JF to SB." The letters meant from Joe Fendel to Sophia Bauman. The ring without a doubt had lain there in the yard for 17 years. When they picked it up it did not have a particle of dirt on it. The Thursday rain had washed it clean and exposed it to view. Mrs. Fendel is proud to possess again the old time keepsake.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 13, 1925.)

Soldier update for 1987

R. Ford Scott of Carter Township, Ezra Jessee of Luce Township, Claude Quisenberry of Ohio Township, Carl Thompson of Jackson Township, Ray Brady of Ohio Township, William C. Tempel of Carter Township, Charles J. Stepro of Luce Township, Samuel Westfall of Hammond Township, Charles Freshly of Ohio Township, Joseph K. Marshall of Hammond Township and William Scherzinger of Huff Township.

Query

Teri Howden Freedman of 8675 Del Rey Ct., Gilroy, Calif., 95020, knows Green William Naney married Eleanor Dossy Carter Aug. 12, 1840 in Spencer County. Who were their parents, and from whence did they come to Spencer County: Who were their siblings?

Would the person who called last year about burials at Willow Pond, please call 362-7268. Information is needed, and this person mentioned the Naney name before being unable to talk due to stormy weather. Call collect, if out of 812 area code, on this family information.

Joe Frakes of 1101 NE 18th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 33305, will exchange information on Frakes, Farrow, Stephens, Lanman, Dodson, Powers, VanWinkle, Alley and allied families from Harrison, Perry and Spencer counties.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Klansmen visit church services

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Klan visits church

On last Sunday evening during services just as the audience had finished singing "The Old Rugged Cross," a body of Klansmen, numbering 20, all dressed in full uniform, marched quietly up the aisle and took their places in the front, handed the pastor, the Rev. C.C. Lamar, an envelope containing money and a letter telling him that it was for his services in the great work he was doing.

The Klansmen all knelt while the minister offered a few words of prayer in their behalf, then all went out as quietly as they came.

Mt. Zion Church,
Clay Township

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 26, 1924.)

Veteran buried Monday

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the Rev. J.W. Bunner, Civil War veteran. at Newtonville M.E. Church, in charge of the Rev. Ulmer of Centerville.

Six ministers acted as pall bearers, and a number of GAR members attended the funeral of their comrade. Burial was in New Hope Cemetery.

The following obituary was read:

The Rev. J.W. Bunner was born June 13, 1832 in Brown County, Ohio. In early manhood he came with his parents to Spencer County, Ind. He was united in marriage to Mary Francis Lynam Sept. 21, 1865. Five children were born to this union: Cortez, Anna, Gertrude, Walter and Ruth. His wife, Cortez and Ruth preceded him to the great beyond.

On the evening of Aug. 6, he met with an accident which resulted in his death at 3:30 a.m. Aug. 17, 1924 at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 4 days. This period of intense suffering was born cheerfully and without complaint. As the end drew near with uplifted hands he exclaimed, "Oh Lord, lift me up."

Brother Bunner's goal was perfect Christian citizenship. During his life he was known as a sower of good deeds; love, kindness, harmony and good will. Many personal friends and strangers as well have heard his testimony, "I am at peace with all mankind." He gave to his children the greatest heritage, "A Christian life" and to his community a great charactered monument.

We who are left to mourn his departure will see the ingathering of the harvest from his sowing. He was a Civil War veteran, volunteering to serve his country during the rebellion. For three years he was a member of Co. G 2nd Iowa Calvary.

(Taken from a news clipping from the Jessie Fueger collection.)

News of 1887

A little 5-year-old daughter of Mary Carlisle was buried at Oak Grove Cemetery one day last week.

Henry Biedenkopf and Ara Ellis were married last Saturday evening, the Rev. Charles E. Asbury officiating.

Weather forecasts are received here every morning by telephone and are displayed on the bulletin board in front of the office.

John Kays and Henry Becht were tried and sentenced to the state's prison last week for life for the murder of the colored man, John O. Hart, at Huntingburg on Christmas evening.

We have learned from the Cannelton papers that Dr. H.M. Curry, formerly of Newtonville and now of Cannelton, has been appointed secretary of the board of health of Perry County at a salary of $75 per year.

(Taken from The Indiana Pocket, Jan. 22, 1887.)

Elderly citizens

Alfred Lamar, of this place, aged 85 years last Saturday, his wife, 84 years on Sunday. They have been married about 63 years. He was born near Grandview, long before Indiana was admitted to the Union. He is the oldest active born citizen in the county.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Nov. 1, 1895.)

1904 school enumeration

The total number of school children enumerated in Dale this year is 149. Of that number 144 were born in Indiana as follows: Spencer County, 114; Dubois, 7; Warrick, 9; Crawford, 1; Perry, 10; Gibson, 1; Vanderburgh, 1; Martin, 1; one was born in Nebraska, one in New Mexico and three in Kentucky. Of those born in Spencer County 108 were born in Carter Township.

Dale Reporter news

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 6, 1904.)

Real Estate Transfers

Ada J. Hoover to J. Guy Hoover, SW 256, 160 acres, S½ SE 356.

Albert and Pearl Huffman to Ralph Murray, SE SE 28-4-5.

William Boyd and others to Margaret Boyd and others. Pt. NE NE 6-8-6.

Roy Held Trustee to William L. Beren. Pt. 30-6-5, 1 acre.

Peoples Saving Bank to Russell White. SE SE 18-6-6, 40 acres; pt. SW 17-6-6, 80 acres.

Frank Schwegman to Peoples Saving Bank. NE SE, 21-6-7.

Underhill Brick & Tile Co. to Rockport Brick & Tile Co. Pt. fraction NW 23 76.

Several oil leases were filed by R.E. Cope. Also several transfers of leases.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 19, 1938.)

Queries

Dorothy Davidson of Box 237, Farmland, IN, 47340, has an old Bible of James Williams Gibbs, "a present from his mother." Among other data, Spencer Gibbs born 1800, married Sally Ellis in 1829. Sally was born in 1807. She would like to give the Bible to a descendant.

Alan Moll of 7000 Dreams Way Court, Alexandria, Va., 22310, is researching German ancestry from Huff Township, Spencer County, Ind. Surnames: Wittman, Grossman and Weigel.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

1804 Martin family record is exhibited

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An old document

A family record more than 100 years old was exhibited at this office by Henry Brand. The record is of the Martin family who formerly lived in this county and was printed with pen and ink by Amos Martin in February 1804. The paper used is sheep-skin parchment and is quite well preserved though more than 100 years old. It records the ages of 10 members of the Martin family ranging in date of birth from 1766 down to 1793. This document was found among the papers of the late Mrs. I.N. Powers.

Mr. Brand also has in his possession a wooden clock said to be 140 years old which was formerly the property of Jacob Huffman, father of John M. Huffman. The old clock is still in running order and Mr. Brand vouches for the assertion that it keeps time to beat a regulator. This was also had through the late Mrs. Powers who was a daughter of Jacob Huffman. Mr. Brand values these old family heirlooms very highly.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 26, 1905.)

Natural gas in Spencer County

Gentryville has the distinction of being the first and only town in Spencer County to have its houses and streets lighted by natural gas.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Dec. 27, 1912.)

Who was who

Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, was born at Elizabethtown, Ky., on Feb. 10, 1807, two years and two days before the birth of Abraham Lincoln. The name, Sarah, was probably given her in honor of Sarah Shipley Mitchell, a cousin of her mother. Her parents moved from Elizabethtown in the fall of 1808 to the farm where Abraham Lincoln was born and about two years later to the Knob Creek farm. While living at the Knob Creek farm Sarah and Abraham attended schools taught by Zachariah Riney and Caleb Hazel.

When Sarah Lincoln was nine years of age she left Kentucky with her parents and brother to reside in Indiana. This was in the year 1816. Two years later, when she was but 11 years old, her mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, died, and for more than a year she was the housekeeper for her father and brother.

The second marriage of her father to Mrs. Sarah Bush Johnston, of Elizabethtown, relieved her of this responsibility and also provided her with two congenial playmates in the two daughters of her stepmother. Elizabeth Johnston was Sarah's own age, and Matilda was four years younger. It is probable that she attended school with the Johnston children and her brother, Abraham.

Her stepmother gave a brief description of Sarah Lincoln as follows:

"She was short of stature and somewhat plump in build, her hair was dark brown and her eyes were grey." In the minute book of the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church it is recorded that she was received as a member of the congregation April 8, 1826. She was then 19 years of age. Her father and stepmother were both members of that congregation at the time as was her stepsister, Elizabeth Johnston.

On Aug. 2, 1826 Sarah Lincoln was married to Aaron Grigsby who at the time lived in the neighborhood as the Lincolns. Grigsby was of a plain, pioneer family who owned large tracts of land and lived in a two-story, hewed-log house. About a year and half later, on Jan. 20, 1828, Sarah Lincoln Grigsby passed away in childbirth. Her death was a great sorrow to Abraham Lincoln, who always felt that she had died from neglect.

From one of the members of the Grigsby family we have the following statement:

"Sally Lincoln lived but a short time after the marriage and her husband died about three years later. They had a bright future before them, for the people of that day and Sally Grigsby was much though of and loved by all her husband's people. She was given the best kind of burial that could be given."

Her grave was marked by a sandstone slab erected by a member of the Grigsby family. For many years she slept in her nameless grave and in the year 1916 the State of Indiana erected a monument over her grave in the Pigeon Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Spencer County, about a mile from the grave of her mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

The monument bears the following inscription: Sarah Lincoln, wife of Aaron Grigsby, Feb. 10, 1807, Jan. 20, 1828.

While the graves of Sarah Lincoln and her mother are some distance apart they are within the same reservation controlled by the State of Indiana and are visited by hundreds of people each year.

(Taken from "Who Was Who" in Hardin County, by the Hardin County Historical Society, Nov. 5, 1940.)

Mexican War survivors

J.R. Bunner was in the city Wednesday after having been confined to his home five miles north of Rockport two months with rheumatism. Mr. Bunner is a hero of two wars. He is one of the four surviving Mexican War soldiers in Spencer County, the others being his brother, Lindsey Bunner, Jacob Nanney and Stephen Crawford.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 24, 1905.)

Queries

Kathleen Lynott of P.O. Box 1257, Idyllwild, Calif. 92349, is asking about Hiram Greathouse who married Lydia Greathouse in Union County, Ky., in 1819. His father was William (family tradition), hers was John. She is interested in corresponding with all Greathouse descendants of first imigrant, Herman (Harmon), who came to America ca 1710 and settled in Pennsylvania.

David L. Jones of 5400 LWE #47, Fayetteville, Pa., 17222, is seeking information about the Jones family that lived at 625 Walnut Street around 1900. He has photos of Pauline and Ora Leola Jones with this address on the back. He is trying to find information on Solomon and his parentage.

Robert P. Wallace of RD #3, Box 6A, Bedell Road, Amawalk, N.Y. 10501-9704 wants information on Wallace Brothers (Alexander, Adam and David) who ran a mill at Dale, IN, around 1870. He is especially interested in homesites, maps (new and old) of Dale, photos of the grist mill, residences and history of Wallace Street.

Early Settlers Organize Jackson Twp. Church

(By Mrs. Amos Eberhardt)

Gentryville Methodist

On Dec. 30, 1859, a group of men met in Gentryville, consisting of D. C. Jones, W. G. McKasson, F. McKasson, R. B. Spencer, Rosles Jones and John M. Agan. They elected F. M. McKasson, secretary and R. B. Spencer, treasurer. They bought a lot from Frederick McKasson and wife for $100 to build a Methodist church on, which was deeded to the church trustees and their successors in office.

The first pastor was Rev. A. Long, who was an earnest God fearing man who by his tireless efforts and the help of the faithful church members established a church which is still used for the glory of God.

The oldest living pastor is the Rev J. W. Carnes, of Richmond, Ind., who is 95 years old.

The present pastor is Rev. Marion Gaston.

Gentryville Christian Church

The Christian church of Gentryville, was organized in 1853 with just a few members.

For a few years the church was used during the summer months as a school for children.

Due to the loss of some of the members the church was closed most of the time until 1905 when it was reorganized and rededicated by Rev. T. J. Legg of Indianapolis, with twelve members.

Rev. R. M. Phillips was chosen to preach for $10 per month.

The last meeting was held in Oct. 1945, church was discontinued and the building sold.

The last pastor was Rev. Barney Oskins.

Mt. Olive E. U. B. Church

Rev. J. C. Mills effected the organization of this church in 1887. It is located 3 miles south of Gentryville.

In 1891 they erected a frame church building under the pastorate of Rev. L. L. Schoonover. There is one living charter member of this church, Mrs. Viola Phillips, who has lived just west of the church ever since it was established until last year when she went to live with her son in Huntingburg. She is now past 90 years old.

Rev. James McClary is the present pastor and is living in Gentryville.

Friendship Baptist Church

In the fall of 1892 a meeting was called at the Gerlach school house for the purpose of establishing a Baptist church.

They elected Elder Wm H. Lanman as pastor. Wm. V. Hesson and wife gave an acre of ground on which to build the church. It was built the following year and dedicated in 1893 with 25 members and named the Friendship Baptist church.

It is located 4 miles south of Gentryville, on road 45. There are services on the fourth Saturday night and Sunday morning of each month.

The present pastor is Elder Elmer Fleener of Evansville.

Happy Valley Pentecostal

The Happy Valley Pentecostal church was established in 1943 by Rev. Arthur Daugherty who was the first pastor and continued to preach there each week for about seven years. Then Rev. Wm. Dunaway was chosen for pastor and is still holding services there.

It is located on highway 45 four and one-half miles south of Gentryville.

Pentecostal Church of God

Rev. Wm. Scales, pastor.

Histnory not available.

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Lawrence Grundhofer orders new ice plant for Dale

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Dale gets ice plant

Lawrence Grundhofer has placed an order for an ice plant and he says he will have it in operation within four weeks.

It is to be a small plant but he will be able to produce a ton of ice each day which will be ample for the people of Dale and the vicinity, and for his own use in his meat business.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 8, 1913.)

Mr. Babb, 28, dies in 1878

Jan. 27, 1878 at the residence of Benjamin Babb, his uncle, Owensboro Ferry, In., Peter Babb, of pneumonia, aged 28 years, and was interred at the Rockport Cemetery.

Mr. Babb was a young man of good standing and leaves a number of friends and relatives to regret his loss, especially one of the fair sex, whom he anticipated of having to share his troubles and pleasures of life in matrimony.

When God speaks the word we must all die, His will is good and must be done.

Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 16, 1878.)

Daily news

White dresses are being lost sight of in the September mist.

The James brothers haven't shot a man for the past three weeks.

Baylord Taylor says there is alcohol in fresh bread but one has to eat 180 loaves before he imbibes enought of the liquid to feel happy.

(Taken from The Rockport Weekly Democrat, Oct. 2, 1875.)

Very rare occurrence

Not very frequently does it happen that one who has lived to be more than four score and 10 years of age calls a minister to open the doors of the church that one may have an opportunity to join the church and be baptized into the Christian faith.

That thing occurred however at Richland City in this county last Monday. Letita Singleton, aged 93 years in August 1904, was received into the church and baptized by immersion by Elder James Bobbit.

While the minister was at the Singleton home two miles south of Richland City last Sunday to visit Mrs. Singleton's son who is ill, she requested him to hold a meeting at the church Monday morning, to give her an opportunity to join and be baptized. This he readily consented to do and did do.

Mrs. Singleton belongs to one of the very prominent families of Luce Township. She is a sister of the late William B. Richardson, whose life is so closely connected with the history and development of that part of the county. Mrs. Singleton was born in Hardin County, Ky. At the age of two years she removed with her parents to Perry County, IN. For the past 70 years her home has been on the homestead in Luce Township, where she nows lives and where she reared quite a large family; having at this time living, six children, 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Note: She was buried on the Homestead, 1908, aged 96 years.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 10, 1905.)

Gentryville death

There is quite an excitement over the sudden death of Mrs. Abbie Williams, who lived about two miles south of the town. Her two sons left her at home Sunday evening well and hearty, and, on returning home after night, found she was absent but supposed that she had gone to a neighbor's house to stay all night. They went to bed and next morning went out and discovered her lying near the house dead. A jury was empaneled Monday morning and have gone down to make investigations.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 14, 1873.)

Marriage

Mr. S.M. Hook of Warrick County and Ida Small of Spencer County, daughter of Matthew Small, were married Feb. 19 at the home of the bride's parents, 1½ miles west of Gentryville.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Feb. 21, 1896.)

Queries

David Jones of 5400 Lincoln Way East #47, Fayetteville, Pa., 17222, is searching for descendants of Solomon and Ellen (Tomes) Jones. Solomon died in 1925. Children: Edward married Stella Carter, Jessie married Mary Snyder, Clayton married Effie ?, Rhoda M., and Elizabeth.

Eleanor G. Tenbarge of 621 E. Iowa St., Evansville, IN, 47711, is seeking information on Rosa Bell Osborne who married Thomas Edward Young (1889 Vanderburgh County, IN). Thomas was born in 1864 s/o Kirkham Clark and Cynthia Young of Spencer County, IN. The 1900 census shows Ed Young and Rose B. with family in Ohio Township #167. They moved to Rector, Ark., in 1905. She will answer all researchers.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Hesson of Gentryville dies in 1915

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Margaret Hesson dies

Margaret (Cockriel) Hesson, daughter of A.J. and Mary Cockriel, was born in Grayson County, Ky., March 1, 1837. Departed this life Sept. 27, 1915, at her home near Gentryville, aged 78 years, 6 months and 27 days. She was united in marriage to Daniel B. Hesson March 18, 1856, and to this union were born eight children, of which five survive.

Her husband and three children having preceded her to Glory Land. She united with the Christian church early in life and remained loyal to the church and faithful to her Saviour until death. Aunt Margaret had been a sufferer from nervous disability for a number of years. Death came as a relief after five weeks of suffering from malarial and stomach trouble.

Three daughters and two sons are left to mourn: Mary E. McCoy, Rebecca McCoy, Ada C. Farmer, William V. and Andrew J. Hesson; also there are 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one sister, two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

She was kind to all with whom she met and by so doing won many friends, and we feel that their loss is her gain. She was often heard to say in her last hours, "Oh, why can't I go?" but being assured that she could go when the Lord was ready for her, she would quiet again. So we are made to exclaim in the language of John the Revelator, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth yea saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Funeral services were conducted at the Friendship Regular Baptist Church by Elder J.T. Jacobs, after which interment was at the Hesson Cemetery.

A loving mother from us has gone
to that bright home above,
Where there'll be no sorrow, care
nor pain,
But where all is peace and love.

Note: No stone found.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Oct. 15, 1915.)

Man leaves $40,000

A man recently died in Spencer County at a ripe old age and most everybody knew that he accumulated a large amount of this world's goods. He had a private safe that it is said no other member of the family bothered. After his death and those interested in his estate began to investigate, it is said more than $40,000 in notes, currency, gold and silver were found in this safe. The larger amount, $29,000, was cash. Of this amount $2,600 was in silver dollars and more than $4,000 in gold.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 13, 1924.)

Big bonfire

Elias Baum, the little son of J.G. Baum, at Rockport set fire to a quantity of straw in his barn Wednesday and the barn was destroyed. The little boy said "I striked a match and made me bonfire papa. My how it burned."

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Oct. 29, 1915.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Santa Claus originally named Santa Fe

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Santa Claus, Indiana

Santa Claus was called Santa Fe for a number of years before a post office was granted. The first name sent to Washington, D.C., for a post office was Santa Fe. So afterwards the name was changed to Santa-clause.

In June 25, 1895, the letter "e" was dropped. Then on Feb. 13, 1920, the name was divided into two words and called Santa Claus. Santa Claus is located about 25 miles from Rockport, the county seat of Spencer County, and about four miles from Lincoln City, where Abe Lincoln spent 14 years of his boyhood.

Postmasters: John Specht, May 21, 1856 (appointed); John Blum, July 9, 1863; Charles Surman, Oct. 6, 1865; Albert Kettler, Aug. 9, 1869; Theodore Hanning, May 29, 1871; Richard Wilbern, July 26, 1876; Charles Surman, March 13, 1878; William Niehaus, Jan. 1881; Lewis Weiss, Sept. 12, 1882; Frederick Hoff, May 2, 1892; Henry H. Moll, June 25, 1895; Samuel Weiss, Oct. 27, 1898; Louis Martin, April 22, 1903; James F. Martin, May 18, 1914; Oscar Phillips (acting), May 7, 1935; and Oscar Phillips (appointed), June 26, 1935.

This was taken from a small booklet of poems written by Phineas H. Evans. The following information about the author and his parents was also in the booklet:

Phineas H. Evans, son of S.B. and Fannie D. Evans, was born June 11, 1888, near Bradfordsville, Marion County, Ky. He was raised on a farm; worked eight or 10 years as a hired hand; served 11 months in the World War; spent nine months in France. Second enlistment in Army was Jan. 1, 1921, served nine months. In the fall of 1924 was given license to preach, and has had eight years of pastoral work.

Fannie F. Evans was born April 14, 1860, and died March 26, 1936, at Blue Earth, Minn.

Solon Blaine Evans was born Oct. 2, 1851, near Bradfordsville, Ky., and died Nov. 10, 1900, at home.

Note: Santa Claus Campground Cemetery, Phineas H. Evans, June 11, 1888, Nov. 26, 1974; Edna H. Evans, 1888, 1971.

Query

Sharon Patmore of Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, IN, 47611, is researching the Jacob T. Williams family of Spencer County, Ind. He died 1860-70 and Abigail, his wife, on Dec. 14, 1873. Children were Andrew J., Adam Clark, Nancy Crawford (wife of Josiah), Jacob F. and Isaac G. Williams. Jacob T. Williams was a Methodist minister and resided in Jackson Township. She will answer all letters and share information collected previously.

Pioneer John Tuley dies

John Tuley departed this life at his home in Jackson Township on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899, at the ripe old age of 82 years, 11 months and 21 days. His death was caused by old age and general debility.

He was born in Daviess County, Ky., Feb. 27, 1816, was the third son of John and Rachel Tuley, and came to this county with his parents in 1824. He settled in Jackson Township in 1836, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of Spencer County's useful and substantial citizens, a pioneer who remembered many interesting events in the early history of the county.

He remembered Abraham Lincoln when he lived in this county and could recall and relate many interesting happenings in which Honest Abe formed a part. In 1836 he was united in marriage to Nancy Hesson. Seven children were born to this union, four boys and three girls, only three of whom, William A. Tuley, Mrs. Elijah McCoy and Mrs. William Pierson, survive.

Their mother died Sept. 30, 1851, and in 1853 he was married to Zippora Agan. To them were born five children, four boys and one girl, three of whom are still living, Robert, James and Keith.

Tuley professed a hope in Christ in 1851 and has always lived a consistent life, ever ready to lend a helping hand to those who needed his assistance. He leaves a wife and six children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, but they mourn not as those who have no hope, for if we believe that Jesus died and rose again for our justification, all that sleep in Jesus will God bring unto him. He often expressed himself as willing and ready to leave this world of sorrow and affliction to meet his beloved ones in Heaven. He died in the hope of a glorious resurrection. Therefore we bow in humble submission to God's will, believing one day that we will clasp his hand and rejoice with him in that land where parting will be no more.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 3, 1899.)

Son of Dale resident killed

Milfred Scott, who formerly lived in Dale, was shot in the head and killed by some one at a town in Missouri last Thursday. No further particulars could be secured. His mother lives in Dale.

(Taken from Dale Reporter News, Rockport Democrat, July 10, 1896.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MARCH 10, 1988

Deitrichs celebrate anniversary

Golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Deitrich celebrated their golden wedding, Saturday, June 8, at their home near Madrid, a very large number of our most distingusihed citizens were present.

The guests began to assemble early in the afternoon enjoying themselves with social chats until about 8 p.m. when supper was announced then amid the great enjoyment, the guests were ushered into a room, where a heavy laden table of fine cake and ice cream was awaiting them.

After this the pastor of the M.E. Church near Santa Claise gave a valuable and interesting talk. When the guests began to take leave for their respective homes, the sad thought came to their minds to think that such a day as that one was, comes but once in a life time to but few, and each wishing the old and worthy couple a long and happy life yet, and the whole country joins in thanking them for the one great example they have given, that to be contented with the work given to each individual by their Maker is the highest respect we can give Our God on high.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 14, 1895.)

Elizabeth Hesson dead

Elizabeth Hesson was born in Mercer County, Ky., on the 12th of September, 1811. She was the second child in a family of 10 children born to John and Rachel Tuley. Her parents came to Spencer County, Ind., in 1814, but did not remain, returning to their former home. They again removed to Spencer County in 1824 and settled on a farm which is near Friendship Church, where she has lived ever since.

In 1834 she was married to Benjamin Hesson, unto whom was born 10 children, four of whom are living to mourn her departure. She was 84 years and 4 months old. She leaves three sisters and one brother, whom, according to nature, will soon follow. She was for a long time in her youthful days the sweetheart of the immortal Lincoln. She has been a member of the Christian Church for about 20 years, in which faith she died. Mrs. Hesson was a kind mother, a good Christian, and loved and respected by all who knew her.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 24, 1896.)

Kriege-Ravens marriage

The marriage rites of Henry F. Kriege and Miss Emma Ravens were solemnized at the Clay City Church last Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The Rev. L. Birnstengel, pastor of the Clay City congregation, officiated at the wedding.

Mr. Kriege is a prosperous young farmer in Hammond Township, and the bride is the daughter of John Ravens of Clay Township, is lovely and accomplished. The Democrat joins their many young friends in wishing them God speed in the race of life.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 28, 1898.)

I.H. Wallace leaves for Idaho

I.H. Wallace and family left for Lewiston, Idaho, last Friday morning where they will locate permanently. Mr. Wallace was head miller at the Wallace Mills and enjoyed the unique record of having lost but six work days in the past 19 years, the time he has been connected with the company. Mr. Wallace and his estimable family will be greatly missed here.

(Taken from Dale Reporter News, Sept. 22, 1905.)

Pioneer passes on

Joseph Gentry, aged 84 years, a pioneer of Spencer County, died Thursday, last week, at Lincoln City. He came from Kentucky in 1818, and settled near Gentryville, where Abraham Lincoln lived. He was present at the burial of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. For 60 years, he lived in sight of the Lincoln homestead.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, June 5, 1896.)

Laura Killian dies

Laura Killian died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Killian, ½ mile south of Centerville, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Nov. 20, 1895, after a few weeks patient suffering with typhoid fever. She had not enjoyed good health for the last two years.

She was born June 14, 1868, making her at her death 27 years, 5 months and 6 days old. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Church in which she lived a good Christian life and died a happy death—looking forward to that home above where no parting, sickness or death ever comes.

Laura had a kind and loving disposition which made her quite a favorite in social circles. The day of her death was to have been her wedding day; her death even occurred the same hour that had been set for the marriage. Instead of the wedding bells it was the tolling of the bells announcing the sad news of her death. The bereaved family have our deepest sympathy in this sad hour of affliction.

The funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. J.H. Hillebrant, of Rockport, at the Catholic Church at Centerville Friday morning at 9 o'clock, after which the remains will be consigned to earth in the cemetery near by.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun Newspaper Item from Collection of Carrye Tabelman.)

Query

Joe Beckman, 9250 North Temple Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46240, is seeking information on or about the family of William Schwartz, born Feb. 2, 1838, died April 23, 1923. He was married to Philemina Grass, born May 10, 1845, died June 6, 1892. Both were Catholic and buried in Mary Help of Christians Cemetery. They had nine children. The family was from the Dale, Mariah Hill area. All letters will be answered.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Community mourns death of Kinney

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Kinney passes away

Seventy-one years ago April 1, 1881, a little girl came into the home of John N. and Caroline Carter to make her home with them. They gave her the name of Cordealie Carter. She departed this life May 8, 1952, at the age of 71 years, 1 month and 8 days. Her entire life was spent the community where she was born.

Aug. 17, 1898, she was united in marriage to John F. Kinney. Five daughters came in as a blessing to this home—Virgie Shourds, Ollie Harris, Vivian Shrode, Irene Jaggers and Dorothy Epley. These girls grew into womanhood and married. The immediate family consists of five daughters, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Her greatest joy and pleasure was her home, which she loved, and the many happy days such as Christmas, birthdays and other anniversaries when the family all came to help father and mother celebrate, were happy days to all. Corda, as she was known to all, loved nature and was very proud of her home and flowers. She leaves to mourn her sudden departure, the husband, five daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one brother, Clarence Carter of Rockport; two sisters, Edna Small and Stella Jones of Eureka; nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

The sun has set, the stars were high at the heavens when the Master called for her at about 10:30 Thursday evening, May 8. Her passing was like one who wraps drapery of her couch about her and lies down to pleasant dreams. There in this home is a vacant chair which can never be filled.

The funeral services were held Sunday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairview U.B. Church, conducted by the Rev. Earl Morris, with burial in the Grandview Cemetery.

(News clipping)

Called to sick mother

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wallace were called to the bedside of his sick mother, at Owensville, last Sunday.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 27, 1855.)

Elizabeth, IN, 1855

(For the Rockport Democrat, Elizabeth, IN, May 2, 1855.)
Friend Hicks,

Allow your friends to give you a squint at matters and things as they flourish in this part of old Spencer: and in the first place, allow us to speak in praise of our interesting little village.

Elizabeth is about five years old, and at this time we have about 250 inhabitants; two churches, one Presbyterian and one United Brethren; two large stores, two cabinet shops, five carpenters, two blacksmith shops, two wagon shops, two shoemaker shops, one tavern, two physicians, two ministers of the gospel. Elizabeth is situated on a high magnificent level, about 22 miles from Rockport on the state road leading from Rockport to Bloomington; it is surrounded by a fine fertile country, the lands being very productive and susceptible of a high cultivation.

We can safety boast of some as fine farms as there are in our country, with a marked magnifestation of agricultural improvement upon the part of our farmers. We think our little place is destined to become quite an interesting inland town, being situated the proper distance from the river, with the advantage of an excellent surrounding country, and hope the day is not far distant when we will have a straight line railroad running immediately from Rockport through Elizabeth on to Bloomington, Ind., intersecting with all the railroads in the proud Hoosier state.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 5, 1855.)

Notice of sale of personal property

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of Henry Allinger, deceased, will offer for sale at public outcry, at the late residence of the deceased, in Carter Township, Spencer County, Ind., on Thursday, Oct. 13, 1881, the personal property of said estate, consisting of horses, cattle, cows, hogs, wagons, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture, and various other articles. Sale to begin at 9 o'clock a.m.

Terms: Sums of five dollars and under, cash; over five dollars, a credit of nine months will be given, the purchaser giving notes with interest from date and appreved security.

Jacob Allinger
Logsdon & Kramer, attorneys

(Taken from Spencer County Advance, Sept. 29, 1881.)

Funeral of old soldier

Perry Alfred Hammond, 97, died at his home in Grandview Thursday. He was the last member of Company K Fourth Indiana Calvary, living in Spencer County. His son, Stephen Hammond survives.

He was a grandson of Sarah Ray, who was among the first settlers of Grandview. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, conducted by the Rev. Arthur Brinklow. Burial was in Grandview Cemetery.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Feb. 27, 1931.)

Query

Tamera Ann Seevers, 4531 South Lowell Blvd. Unit B, Denver, Colo., 80236, would like to find out any information she can about the Brand family located in Spencer County and more importantly the whereabouts of the sheep-skin parchment written by Amos Martin. (Mentioned in previous Hoosier Ancestors article). She is especially wanting information on Amos Brand (born 1770-75) as he is a direct descendant.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

79-year-old laid to rest in Confederate gray uniform

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Buried in Confederate uniform

"Uncle John Howk laid to rest in the suit he wore during the war."

A feature or two of the funeral of the late John Howk, a little out of the ordinary, we failed to mention in our report of his demise last week, one of which was that he was buried in the Confederate gray uniform that he wore during the war. He had it carefully pressed and laid away for that purpose.

Another was that at Mr. Howk's special request John Brown, colored, drove the hearse at the funeral. They had mutually promised that when the first of the two died the other should drive the hearse at his funeral. Gen. J.C. Veatch found John Brown in the south during the war, had him as a servant at his headquarters, and at the close of the war, brought him home with him and Rockport has been home ever since.

He, like Mr. Howk, is very fond of horses and there was where the attachment grew up between them. Mr. Howk's age was erroneously stated in our last issue as 69 years. He was 79—would have been 80 had he lived until the 9th day of next March.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 29, 1915.)

Mead County native dies

Mrs. Nancy A. Bufkins was born in Mead County, Ky., Sept. 25, 1844 and departed this life June 5, 1923. She moved to this state when a small child and was married to John H. Bufkin Dec. 14, 1865, who preceded her in death nine years this August. To them were born nine children, the following seven are living: Mrs. J.H. Meyer of East St. Louis, Ill., Jackson of Boonville, Logan of Evansville, Effie Alley of Lamar, Louis of Indianapolis, Fred of Princeton and Mrs. Laurel Masterson of Chrisney; and also two brothers and two sisters, David and John Harris of Buffaloville and Mrs. George Dawrety of Dale, and Maggie Fry of Arkansas. Surviving also are 19 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and eight stepchildren. Also a host of friends.

She united with the Missionary Baptist Church at Buffaloville in 1855 but later moved her membership to Little Pigeon Church where she was a devoted member.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon, June 6, at Little Pigeon Church conducted by the Rev. Herrin of Grandview. Interment was in a cemetery nearby. The loved ones have the sympathy of the entire community.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, June 15, 1923.)

Marriage Licenses

Martin Hass to Kunancindas Panhoo, Edwin Y. Gaines to Sarah F. Bubbard (H), Lehew Conner to Clarrissa Ann Harris, John Resenbeck to Margaret Mann, David S. Burdick to Mary Woods, Richard C. Miner to Elizabeth Stuckdale, Jacob Hecklebeck to Mary Catherine Schum, Ira Brashears to Mary Susan May, Azariah W. Miller to Elizabeth Messing.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 20, 1855.)

Dentistry in 1856

We would call the attention of our readers to the fact that Dr. Talbot, resident dentist of Jeffersonville, has taken rooms at the Sargent House, where he is prepared to attend to all branches of his profession, from the insertion of a single tooth to complete sets.

We have seen specimens of full sets of artificial teeth put up by the doctor of Gutta Percha, which for beauty and naturalness can not be excelled. Those needing artificial teeth should by all means call and examine the new and important improvement. The doctor comes highly recommended as a gentleman and superior workman in his profession.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 10, 1856.)

His ancestors

"You don't mean to tell me it cost you $7,000 to have your family tree looked up?"

"No, $2,000 to have it looked up and $5,000 to have it hushed up."

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 30, 1927.)

Graves moved to Yankeetown

It is reported that the remains of the late William Mattingley and others of the family buried in the old churchyard are to be removed to the Catholic burial ground at Yankeetown, and the church from whence they are removed is to be converted into a dwelling house.

(Taken from Rockport Sentinel, July 25, 1883.)

Query

James F. Fleming of Box 203, Manito, Ill., 61546, is looking for information on Sgt. James Monroe Fleming, Co. C 53rd Ind. Inf.(Vol.) He is also interested in knowing if there are any pictures still in existence of this company. He would be very interested in seeing them and possibly buying a copy.

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Shell season opens in 1917

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Shell season opens

The shelling season on the shell beds adjacent to Rockport was opening Tuesday morning. A number of men stated to brailing on the bar at the government light above the city and a number are at work at Corn Island; at Grandview and between here and Owensboro, Ky. They will be at work on the Rockport bar next week.

The market starts off low as it generally does the first of each season, but as the season advances the prices will advance $35 per ton for sand shells, $12 per ton for washboards and $22 per ton for all other shells, mixed is the present market price.

The Ohio River shell beds are pretty well worked out but a good worker can still make three or four dollars per day.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 20, 1917.)

A very old lady

Winnie Harmon, who claims to be 118 years old, is living right here in Rockport.

Living with her great-great-grandson, Jim Pilgram, in the upper end of town, is an old lady, Winnie Harmon, who claims to be 118 years old, and her history as she gives it herself, is very interesting.

She says she was born in South Carolina in 1775 on the E&V River near Mussel Shoals. She has outlived five generations. Her first owner was named Moss, at whose death she fell heir to his son, afterwards to his grandson.

She next belonged to a man named Calvert, at whose death she fell heir to his daughter, who married a man named Harmon, and from this family took her name. All of her children died very old, the last one dying about two months ago and who looked much older than the old lady herself.

After being set free she went to Paducah, Ky., and stayed two years with a son, going from there to Louisville. When the property of Calvert she cooked in one hotel in Princeton, Ky., for over 40 years.

The old lady remembers all about the late war and the Mexican War and tells many interesting stories about what she saw those days. She remembers about going over the Blue Mountains on her way to Virginia when all four wheels of the wagons had to be locked with hickory wisps, the wagons almost running over the horses.

When she was about 68 years old she went totally blind, but in about a year her second sight came to her and she can now thread a fine needle without the aid of glasses. About 18 years ago she lost her finger and toe nails, but which soon grew out again. The old lady tells how one time during her life it rained soot and at another sulphur and says she picked great handfuls off the water. To be as old as she is—118 years—her health is remarkably good and without something unforeseen occurs bids fair to remain with us several years yet.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 21, 1893.)

Sale of cemetery lots

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public sale of lots at the Kesslar Graveyard near Pleasant Valley Church in Grass Township, Spencer County, Indiana, on Saturday, May 3, 1873, at 1 o'clock p.m.

Additional ground has been purchased and will be laid out in lots of more uniformity and order, this 15th day of April, 1873.

Trustees
Joseph Beeler
G.W. Gwaltney
P.F. Parr

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 26, 1873.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Wallace Mill passes to new management during the war

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Wallace Mill at Dale

The Wallace Milling Co. has leased its plant and business to the Aikin-Erskine Milling Co. of Evansville, for the period of the way, and the latter have taken charge of the business. The same force will be continued and the business will not be changed except in name.

Mr. Donald Wallace, who has been the secretary and manager for some time, expects to join the Army in a few days and his many friends will miss him, and for the first time in nearly a half century the noted mill will pass from the management of the Wallace family.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, July 19, 1918.)

Robbers, ghouls and ghosts

The grave of James Lowry, a citizen who died some three or four weeks ago and was buried at the Rockport cemetery, was robbed of its contents recently.

The robbery was discovered by his mother who, upon going to his grave, found his necktie and collar nearby. The dirt looked as though it had been recently disturbed.

She at once made her discovery known and an examination of the grave followed, which proved that the grave had been robbed. It created quite an excitement and reports of ghouls and ghosts are numerous.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, April 10, 1894.)

A young lady left her church and joined another. Meeting her old pastor shortly later he said:"Good morning, daughter of the devil."

"Good morning, father," she replied.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, May 17, 1856.)

Mary E. Moss Dies

As the east proclaimed the dawn...Mrs. Moss was born Feb. 23, 1865, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wohler, and died May 12, 1935. She was united in marriage to Thomas W. Moss in 1881. To this union was born a daughter, Nellie, and three sons, William E., Pearl and Claude.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her daughter and one son, William E. Moss. A brother, W.H. Wohler, of Grandview; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Webb and Mrs. Lena McCormack, of Owensboro, Ky., and two sons, Claude and Pearl Moss of Claredon, Ark., remain to revere her memory and mourn her loss.

She was a member of the Grandview Lutheran Church and loyal and faithful to the tenants of her faith and striving to aid the church in its endeavors. Hers was the duty of giving instructions to the little children of the congregation and by her efforts she brought the kindly and benevolent ministrations of the church to those children who otherwise would not have known its blessings

Funeral services were held at her home late Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W.M. Allen, pastor of the Rockport Lutheran Church and burial was in the Grandview cemetery.

Note: Vol. I, page 240, Cemetery Books, add dates Feb. 23, 1865 - May 12, 1935.

(Taken from the Grandview Monitor, May 16, 1935.)

Old soldiers attention

The undersigned will prepare applications for Bounty Lands, granted to Old Soldiers under the late act of Congress, on reasonable terms.

The new Land Warrant Bill gives 160 acres to all grades of soldiers, from a wagoner to a major general, including the widows of Revolutionary soldiers, and all seamen, who have been in actual battles, or who have served not less than 14 days in some capacity in or about the Army.

Those who have already received 160 acres are not entitled to another warrant, but those who have received 80 acre warrants are entitled to 80 acres more, and those who have received 40 acre warrants are entitled to 120 acres more.

R.S. Hicks

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, Nov. 3, 1855.)

Query

Robert P. Wallace, RD 3, Box 6A, Amawalk, N.U. 10501. Seeking relatives and associates of Wallace Milling Co. brothers: Adam W., Alexander, David B., and Robert B. Wallace, active in Grist Mill in Dale from 1840s to the 1929 depression. Also information on Adam W. as postmaster in Dale around 1870. I am anxious to re-establish communication with Scott Wallace, a direct descendant, and others willing to share and trade information.

Friday, April 8, 1988

RARE PHOTO — This was taken in about 1929 or 1930 in front of the old Hurricane Creek Schoolhouse. In the group are: Linus Brockman [front]; from left, Alvin Niehaus, Carl Bretz, ????????, Joe Brockman. In back are Frank Schlachter [owner of the horses and manure spreader], and Sylvester Niehaus. The photo was presented through the courtesy of Amil Niehaus, on who's family farm the land was donated to build the schoolhouse.

Hoosier Ancestors

Miscellaneous Items of 1875

Mr. John Hill was buried at the cemetery today.

A. Stevenson returned home today from Henderson. While there he sold a large tobacco warehouse in Richland to Kerr Clark & Company.

Marriage license issued to Mr. Charles Bays to marry Miss Louisa Johnson.

The will of Margaret Tiernan was presented for probate today written in German.

The fair has been open the entire day and has had fair patronage. The trains come crowded with visitors to the fair. Quite a number of citizens from Ferdinand are attending our fair among whom we notice Mr. William Wagner and Mr. Rukemp.

Rockport Democrat, Dec. 28, 1875.

Attempted Suicide

Dedrich Kluseman, an old citizen of Clay Township, attempted suicide by drowning in the Ohio River just above Grandview last Tuesday. He drove a stake at the water's edge, tied one end of a rope about ten feet long to it, and the other end around one of his ankles, wrote his name on one of his shoe soles, and then jumped into the river. He was seen by a small boy who gave the alarm, and a man came to the rescue in time to take him out and save his life. We failed to learn the cause of the rash act.

Indiana Pocket, Aug. 20, 1887.

Query: Joseph Haskins, R. 1, Odon, Ind.

Joseph is working on the Hoskins, Haskins, Oskins, families of Spencer County. He is especially seeking information on Ninah, Jesse, William and Jacob. Two others are working on this same family and sharing all information. Please help if you have any clues as to where they came from and counties they lived in prior to and after leaving Spencer County.

Soldiers Update — The following have been reported since June. Carter Twp: Herbert Kaetzel and Leo J. Gessner, Ohio Twp.: G.T. Dohoney, Grass Twp.: Herman Weber, Luce Twp.: Ivan Burroughs, Carroll Lee Burroughs, Arch Linegar and Leroy Harmon, Harrison Twp.: Bernard Sabelhaus.

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Saloon keeper closes shop, gets baptized

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William Hargus, a saloon keeper of our place, locked up his saloon on last Tuesday and Sunday he was baptized at the Conner Church by a Christian minister. We trust he will hold out faithful and set an example for his fellow associates to follow.

Susan Jane

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 13, 1888.)

Elizabeth Bowen obituary

Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Abner and Mary Knowlton, was born near Marietta, Ohio, Sept. 19, 1853 and departed this life, Jan. 19, 1935 at the age of 81 years and four months.

She was united in marriage to John Bowen, who preceded her in death several years ago. Surviving are four children, Fred Bowen, Terre Haute, Mrs. Anna Rasor, Chrisney; Mrs. Cora Lucas, Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Louise Byrne, St. Louis, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Rasor, with Rev. E.M. McCoy in charge. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery five miles west of Rockport.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Jan. 25, 1935.)

Wallace-Deatrick marriage

Roland Wallace of Dale and Miss Velma Deatrick of Fort Wayne, Ind., were married last Thursday at the Congregational Church of Fort Wayne, the Rev. Arthur Folsom performing the ceremony. They arrived in Dale Monday to visit his mother, Mrs. Adam Wallace, and from there will go to Huntingburg to reside, where Mr. Wallace will manage the grain and feed plant which Wallace Milling Company is erecting.

The bride is a charming and accomplished girl, popular in the society circles of Fort Wayne. The groom is a prominent young business man of Dale.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 25, 1920.)

Finds old coin
Lamar

While getting the cattle in for the night, Anna, daughter of George Stach, of Lamar, found an old United States coin. It bears the inscription, "United States of America one cent, 1815" is copper and nearly as large as a silver half dollar.

It was found in a ditch among stone pebbles, on the farm in Harrison Township, owned by George Stach. How it got there and how long ago is a riddle. The head of "Liberty" is plainly visible.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 30, 1920.)

April 21, 1988

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

History of Silverdale Church given

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

History of Silverdale Church

A paper read by Mrs. Charles Brown at the Ohio Township Sunday School convention:

With the centenniel spirit on the minds of all us, we though it might be of interest to some to hear about the pioneer days of this church—the oldest in Ohio Township.

About 60 years ago a small congregation of Hardshell Baptists donated to its erection. Some of the members who donated and attended church here were Aunt Sallie Crook, Aunt Pollie Rasor, the grandmother of Mrs. John Huffman, Mrs. Joe and Will Bretz, Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Hine Winchell, also Mrs. Alice Winchel of Montana and their brothers, John, James and Grant Rasor; Aunt Polly Shrode, great-grandmother of Lawrence Shrode, and Mrs. Mell Swallow; Dossy Cotton, Uncle Johnie Dunham, father of Mrs. Maples, now residing in Rockport; Uncle Jakie Huffman, father of Jim Huffman; Uncle Johnie Thurman and William R. Thurman, grandfather of C.F., J.J. and W.H. Brown. All donations, strong in their convictions and very earnest in their purpose. Uncle Joe Shrode, father of Milner Shrode, took the contract to erect the building for the sum of $800. The trees were all selected from the beautiful forest that then surrounded the country near the church.

Mr. Shrode hewed all the sills, plates and joice, also made the shingles on the first shingle machine in this part of the country which belonged to him. The Rasor and Stites brothers sawed the lumber. Their mill stood just on top of the hill opposite the residence of William Bretz. The pulpit at that time was in the south end of the church. It is said that parties wishing to leave church during the service (which lasted from 10-1) were severely criticized and had to face the minister all the way to the door.

Some of the members at that time were Uncle Billy Robinson and son, Tommy; Uncle Johnie Cabbage, Bro. Gammens, and on extra occasions, such as associations, Bro. Haines. Nearly all the congregation walked to church except Uncle Ben Wire, father of Maylon Wire, who owned a large steer which he rode. William R. Thurman, grandfather of J.J. and W. Brown, was the first man to drive to this church in a buggy—the buggy being one of the first built by Sid Stocking Sr. in Rockport.

After a few years the congregation realized the church was not centrally located and sold it to the Grange. Lowery Deason and wife were active members of the Grange. A singing school was conducted here then every Monday night for three years under the direction of Mr. Deason. It was at one of these meetings that the church was named by Mrs. Deason.

Silverdale, meaning a bright, quiet, peaceful vále or dale. Silverdale was also given to the name of school. After a few more years the Grange sold it to the Presbyterian Church—the present Ford Atkinson gave his personal check for the same and deeded it to the Presbyterian Church at Rockport. If one man can save a building for church purposes, what could a whole neighborhood do all pulling together?

The stove on the west side of the house was bought from Mr. Shrode by Mr. Atkinson for the sum of $8. The stove is over 60 years old. The Rev. William Nourse was the last minister and Mr. Deason the first Sunday school superintendent.

The passing years have brought many changes, as we look at the representatives of so many schools we realize that the efforts of the pioneers were not in vain, for we know that the church and Sunday school are the cornerstones of civilization and society. As we try to fill the places of older men and women who have gone on before, we feel that your presence here today has brought us new enthusiasm which we believe will be lasting and will help us on our way.

Our purpose is to maintain this old church building, first, because it is an old landmark, last, but not least, because there are many boys and girls in this neighborhood who need a church training. As citizens of this neighborhood we should all ask ourselves a personal question. Are we doing all we can to make this a bright, quiet, peaceful vale—a Silver Dale?

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 12, 1916.)

Obituary of Lucinda Blair

Mrs. Lucinda Blair, wife of S.W. Blair, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wood, died at her home in this place, Wednesday morning, March 7, of consumption. Deceased had been afflicted for some time, but only in the last few weeks had she shown symptoms of rapid sinking.

She leaves a husband, several children and many other relatives to mourn her loss. The funeral service took place from the residence at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 9, 1888.)

Soldier Update from January

Jackson Township: David E. Clemente, Harold Simpson, Walter Bolin.

Huff Township: Earl P. Simon Sr., William Scheerle.

Hammond Township: Floyd Ranger.

Clay Township: Clyde Bench.

Harrison Township: Bernard P. Porter.

Luce Township: George Haegele, George Phillipson, Stephen Johnson.

Ohio Township: Leo Hopkins, Rexall Duley.

Carter Township: Cletus Hohl, Chester "Pete" Billart.

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Two men return from hunting trip

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Hunting trip in Kentucky

J.E. Magee and R.H. Crowder have returned from an outing at Spottsville, Ky., where they spent a few days camping out. Dr. Thomas C. McCarty of Spottsville helped to make their stay there pleasant. Dr. McCarty has kept a record of all the game he has killed since 1853 and the record shows the following game slain by him, 185 minks, 106 coons, 26 oppossums, one otter, 104 birds, 16 rabbits, 11 owls, eight hawks, five groundhogs, one swan, seven geese, 29 crows, 59 pigeons, four rattlesnakes, five pheasants, 32 deer, 619 turkey, his long suit, 130 ducks, 70 quail and 1,602 squirrels. He has been somewhat of a hunter prior to 1853 but kept no record of the game slain.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 7, 1911.)

Old man passes away

Dietrick Klusmann, aged 88 years, 10 months and 2 days died Wednesday morning, April 12, 7:20 o'clock. The funeral was held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Union Chapel three miles northeast of Newtonville, the serving being conducted by the Rev. John Settle. Mr. Klusmann's former home was near Union Chapel.

Mr. Klusmann was born at Emtighauser, Germany, on the 10th day of June, 1822. He served in the war of 1848 in Germany. He was married to Anna Wickey in Germany in 1851. They emigated to the United States in 1853, settling at Cleveland, Ohio.

They came to Spencer County in 1859 and lived in Hammond Township until the death of his wife seven years ago, since which time he has made his home with his son-in-law, William F. Simpers, in this city. Seven children were born to this union, only three of whom survive. They are Margaret Prinks of Twin Falls, Minn., Mrs. William F. Simpers and John Klusmann, both of whom live in Rockport; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also.

Mr. Klusmann was a remarkably strong and well preserved old man. Until less than a year ago he walked frequently from Newtonville to Rockport, a distance of 17 miles. His death was due immediately to paralysis of the muscles of the throat.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 14, 1911.)

Deaths from Boonville Standard

Dr. D.M. Hammond of Grandview was accidentally killed Monday by a runaway horse. The doctor was thrown out of the buggy, his head striking the sidewalk, fracturing his skull. He leaves a wife, four children, aged 42 years.

Nov. 22, 1895

James Ash Sr., proprieter of Ash Iron Springs, died Nov. 27th, aged nearly 76 years. He leaves eight children, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Burial was at Friendship Cemetery near Richland City in Spencer County.

Dec. 8, 1895

Seth Largent, aged 60 years, killed Henry Cooper, aged 70, at Spencer County Poor Asylum, near Rockport last Sunday night by hitting him with a club and stabbing him with a knife. Both were inmates of the institution.

Feb. 7, 1896

Floyd Barker honored

A group of relatives, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thrasher and two grandsons of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. James Thrasher, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thrasher and Helen Thrasher, Mr. and Mrs. Burr Bivens and family of Lewisport, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Towers and daughter and Mrs. Tower's mother, Mrs. Easton, of Owensboro, Ky.; and Elmer Schierbaum gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barker at Buffaloville Sunday to celebrate Mr. Barker's birth anniversary.

A big and sumptuous dinner was served in the shade of the trees on the lawn, after which all enjoyed a program of selected readings and stories of younger days.

(Taken from The Monitor, Aug. 11, 1938.)

Varner-Day

Thomas O. Day of Princeton, Ind., and Miss Ada M. Varner of Lincoln City were united in marriage Monday afternoon at the office of Sgr. Jones, who pronounced the wedding ceremony. Miss Hattie Varner, John Goble and Wayne Hopkins of Lincoln were attendants.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 29, 1909.)

Will of John W. Miller

The will of John W. Miller, late of Hammond Township has been filed with Clerk Hopkins. All the personal property of deceased except money in bank is bequeathed to his sister, Sarah K. Miller; money in the bank is bequeathed to his mother, Mrs. Lena Miller. The will bears date of Dec. 20, 1909 and is witnessed by Charles F. Wetherill and Uriah B. Langley. The instrument is also acknowledged before Esq. Aaron D. Meeks.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 11, 1911.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Englebrecht will filed for probate

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Englebrecht will

The will of Daniel F. Englebrecht was filed for probate Wednesday. It was made and signed Sept. 3, 1927, and witnessed by John Schlamerdorf and Emil Kroessman. It directs first that all just debts and funeral expense be paid, then that his son, Rudolph Englebrecht, be given $100 for assistance rendered; lastly that all the remaining property be divided equally among his four children, Hugo, Armine, Rudolph and Olgo Englebrecht, share and share alike, subject to notes owed to him by his sons, Armine and Hugo. His brother, George F. Englebrecht, is named executor of the will.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Nov. 30, 1934.)

Prizes old cane

Mr. E.E. Staten has in his possession an aged cane which he prizes very highly. It was procured by Jacob Varner, grandfather of Mr. Adam Varner, of this township, on the Mississippi River over 100 years ago and has been handed down from generation to generation to the present. The cane is a root of a laurel and is of such peculiar shape as to make it an interesting object, aside from its antiquity. Mr. Staten is having the cane varnished in good style and will see to it that it is carefully preserved.

(Taken from The Dale Weekly Reporter, June 17, 1887.)

Obituary

Elijah McCoy, the son of the Rev. John McCoy, was born April 5, 1837 and departed this life Feb. 12, 1909 at the age of 71 years, 10 months and seven days.

He was united in marriage to Zerelda Tuley, Dec. 24, 1854. To this union were born four children, two sons, John W. and George F. and two daughters, Nancy Emmons and Viola Phillips, all of whom together with his wife are still living.

Brother McCoy having professed Christianity, united with the Methodist church of Gentryville of which he has been a member for about 60 years. His life has been that of a true Christian character, presenting a Christ like example to all those whom he came in contact with.

He has four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but we weep not as those who have no hope, for we feel that our loss is his eternal gain, and that he is now basking in the sunshine of God's love and beckoning his loved ones to meet him around the blessed throne of God, as his last words were "Remember that all is well with me."

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Dougherty of Gentryville.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 19, 1909.)

46 years ago

Joseph C. Chrisney, publisher of The Sun, and Michael Johnson, both of this place, left on the noon train Monday last, Mr. Chrisney for Kansas and the Indian Territory to spend a month or two for the benefit of his health, and Mr. Johnson goes to Texas to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Chrisney promised to communicate with The Sun during his wanderings, which we hope will be appreciated by many of its readers.

(Actually happened in 1888.)

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Nov. 30, 1934.)

Wallace Milling Company sells

The Wallace Milling Company of Dale has sold the mill in that town to E.T. Winkler and E.C. Schaaf, who will continue to run it. The Wallace Milling Co. will build a larger mill in Huntingburg in connection with the company's elevator and warehouse there. Roland D. Wallace has had charge of the business at Huntingburg. The active management of the business at the new mill will be under D.J. Wallace, who has been manager of the Dale business.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 15, 1988.)

Chris Doerr dies

Mr. Chris Doerr, an aged German farmer living three miles north-east of Dale, died at his home early Tuesday morning of chronic diseases and old age. Mr. Doerr was a retired minister and was one of Carter Township's most excellent citizens, and held the highest respect of all who knew him. He has been successful as a farmer and was in good circumstances at the time of his death.

He has been closely identified with the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for several years and enjoyed a very large acquaintence. The funeral services were held at the GME church yesterday at 2:30 o'clock, the interrment taking place in the campground cemetery at the side of his aged companion who had preceded him in death but a few years. Deceased leaves one son and three daughters to mourn his death.

Note: Volume III, Santa Claus Methodist Cemetery, Doerr, Christopher H., Nov. 28, 1834, April 27, 1909; Anna Elisabeth, Jan. 14, 1841, July 31, 1901.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 30, 1909.)

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Society seeking marker information

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Looking for historical markers

The Historical Society is attempting to locate, photograph and copy information of all existing Spencer County markers. The following have been done:

Marker at Grandview Library, Mathias Sharp House, Revolutionary soldiers, marker about Bayse Store in Grandview, Lower Landing in Rockport, Hammond Tannery and Lincoln Ferry in Troy.

Help us locate Lincoln School site, Lincoln Departure marker in Gentryville, Little Pigeon Church marker (in park?)

We are working with the Indiana State Library on this project and would appreciate any help in locating these or any other markers in the county. The society hopes that someday all historical sites will be properly identified in our county as well as throughout the state.

Send information to the Spencer County Library in Rockport, IN, 47635, c/o SCHS or call 362-7268 or 362-8256.

Correction

The Wallace article printed last week was taken from the *Rockport Democrat,* April 15, 1921, not 1988, as stated.

Lizzie Dunn dies

Mrs. Lizzie Dunn, age 63, of Huff Township, widow of George M. Dunn, died Tuesday, March 14, at her home in Huff Township. Two sons and two daughters and one stepson, all grown, survive. The remains will be buried at the Purcell Cemetery. Mrs. Dunn was a sister of Mrs. A.C. Huff of Rockport.

(Taken from *Rockport Democrat,* March 17, 1922.)

Courthouse news

During this term of court several foreigners have been naturalized before Judge Kiper, as follows: Ludwig Fuchs, aged 33, a native of Bavaria; Frederic Faller, aged 38, a native of the German Empire; John B. Mueller, aged 68, a native of Switzerland; Francis Schoeppner, aged 37, native of the German Empire; James Ziegenfusz, aged 56, a native of Prussia; Othman Schneeberger, aged 37, a native of Germany; Albert Kieber, aged 25, a native of Germany; and Joseph Thoma, aged 24, a native of Germany.

(Taken from *Dale Reporter,* Sept. 28, 1906.)

Obituary

Louis E. Grigsby, age 75, died at his home in Chrisney at 8 o'clock Friday night after an illness of several months. He was a son of Redmond Grigsby and a nephew of Sarah Lincoln Grigsby, a sister to Abraham Lincoln. He had been in business in Chrisney with his brother, Henry, for 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, a son, Archie; daughter, Mrs. Mabel Kratz; a brother, Henry; and sister, Miss Emma Grigsby, all of Chrisney. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Chrisney M.E. Church, conducted by the Rev. E.M. McCoy and the Rev. R.J. Stephens; and burial was in the local cemetery.

(Taken from *The Monitor,* Sept. 9, 1937.)

Air Mail

Prof. John Wise carried 123 letters from Lafayette to Crawfordsville, Ind., in August 1859, in a hot air balloon, and it is said this was the first air mail service in the United States. The letters were for eastern points.

(Taken from *The Monitor,* May 19, 1938.)

Native German dies

Last Friday evening John Weber Jr., departed from this life at the residence of Herman Weber, about four miles west of here, after only a few days of illness, of malarial fever, aged 45 years. Mr. Weber was born in Baden, Germany, and came to this county with his parents about 30 years ago locating with them in Grass Township.

About nine years ago he moved to Russell, White County, Ark., at which place he has made his home until called to this state a few weeks ago to attend his mother's funeral.

He leaves a wife and five children and many relatives and friends who deplore his sudden departure from this life. He was a member of the Catholic church and his remains were interred in the Catholic Cemetery near Centerville Monday afternoon after impressive services at the church by Father Stricker.

Note: Volume I, Weber, John, 7, April, 1852, 1, Oct. 1897.

(Taken from *Chrisney Sun,* October 1897.)

Member of 42nd Ind. Vol.

Capt. Alfred Myler of Grandview, Spencer County, died, age 87 years. Was Capt. of Co. C, he was the oldest man to enter service, one of the first of the glorious 42nd Ind. Vols.

(Taken from *Boonville Standard,* Dec. 25, 1896.)

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Amanda Musgrave dies following illness

(Editor's note: this column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally published.)

Amanda Musgrave of Dale Departs

Aunt Amanda Musgrave, aged 78 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Heady, near Dale Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of long duration of chronic diseases.

The funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian church, of which denomination she has been a faithful member since childhood, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. J.W. Dondiff, the pastor, having charge of the service.

Mrs. Musgrave was married to James Musgrave in 1848. To this union were born eight children, three of whom together with the father, had preceeded her to the great beyond. Her son, Moses Musgrave, and daughters, Mrs. Josie Simpson, Mrs. Tillie Heady, Mrs. Mary Brooner and Mrs. Belle Springston, together with many other relatives and friends are left to mourn the loss of a good Christian mother and friend.

(Taken from *Dale Weekly Reporter*, Sept. 14, 1906)

How does your garden grow?

Wendel Patmore, a prominent Clay Township farmer, has the record of raising the most pumpkins this year, Will Hoops raised the largest one. Ollie Farrow the largest sweet potato, and Fred Hoffmeier the largest turnip. All are on display in Chris Egnew's store. "Some Punkins."

(Taken from the *Rockport Democrat*, Nov. 11, 1921)

Engine explodes; eight hurt

Monday morning at 7 o'clock near Buffaloville, the boiler on a traction engine attached to a road grader exploded, injuring eight people.

The engine belonged to Andy Wetzel, who purchased it from Ben Heubschman of Lamar, and was giving it the first try out grading a road and had only been working a few minutes when the engine was stopped to fix the friction on the clutch. The explosion turned the engine, which was headed east, completely around, leaving it facing west.

Andy Wetzel was found lying under the engine, badly scalded and unconscious, remaining unconscious most of the day Monday. Robert Ferguson, the township trustee, was knocked down and cut about the head.

Carl Wetzel, brother of Andy Wetzel, and Beard Conner, who was handling the grader, were blown 30 feet over into a field and were unconscious when found. Carl Wetzel's injuries were minor ones, Conner is badly cut about the face and head and has chest injuries.

When the boiler exploded the engine passed completely over Daniel Wetzel, 77 years, father of Andy Wetzel, without injuring him in any way. Three small children of Andy Wetzel who were standing near were scalded.

(Taken from the *Rockport Democrat*, June 2, 1922.)

Will probated

The will of William T. Shoptaugh has been filed for probate in the Spencer Circuit Court. To the wife, Alvena Shoptaugh, is willed the property in Richland, also all the household and kitchen furniture and other personal property. To the children, Frank Shoptaugh and Margaret Wahl, property, real, personal and mixed, each share and share alike. His wife is named executrix. The will is dated April 21, 1931.

(Taken from the *Chrisney Sun*, May 29, 1931.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Daughter gives loving tribute to mother

A tribute to mother

The following article was published in the Luling (Texas) Signal, concerning the death of Mrs. Martha Everton. She was formerly a resident of Spencer County and leaves many relatives in this county.

"Mrs. Martha Everton died at Belle Haven Dec. 30, 1923. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. George M. Rance of San Antonio at the Luling Cemetery, Monday morning at 10 o'clock. My mother was blessed with a very remarkable constitution, and she did not die from the effects of any special disease. But her time had come to depart from this life in accordance with the divine declaration that "All must die."

She was born in Hardeman County, Tenn., in he year 1837, and was the daughter of Edmond and Polly McSwane. When quite a little girl her father and family and other relatives emigrated to Warrick County, Indiana, where she grew to womanhood. The McSwanes were pioneer citizens of that county and were identified with all primitive efforts to establish good citizenship and develop the resources of that country.

In 1854 Martha McSwane was married to Dr. W.T. Everton, son of Judge Thomas Everton and Mehetable Luce Everton of Luce Township, Spencer County, Indiana, Judge Everton was also a pioneer of that county and served in this capacity 12 years, dying while in office.

"Dr. W.T. Everton and family came to Luling about 37 years ago. They were members of the Church of Christ. My mother has been a faithful helper ever since the establishment of the Orphan Home about 25 years ago. She was a woman of strong convictions on moral questions and was dearly loved by all the children and many today testify to her loving deeds of kindness to them while inmates by this institution. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom survive."Jennie Clark"

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 25, 1924.)

Civil vets have services

Fourteen veterans of the Civil War met at the Presbyterian Church at 10:30 o'clock last Sunday morning and were addressed by the Rev. Bryan Blalock. After the adjournment 12 of them took automobiles and went to the home of Josephus Cissna where a bountiful spread was awaiting them, which they enjoyed to their hearts' delight.

The following soldiers were present: Col. J.S. Wright, age 92, 25 Ind.; Henry Brand, age 82, Co. D 65 Ind.; J.R. Woods, age 86, Co. D. 65 Ind.; Joseph Cissna, age 80, Co. D 65 Ind.; John Sanders, age 81, Co. F 58 Ind.; J.P. Young, age 83, Co. F 1st Ind. Cav.; Virgil Perigo, age 80, Co. D 12 Ky. Cav.; Calvin Harrison, age 81, Co. I 39 Ky. Cav.; William Middleton, age 80, Co. K 25 Ind.; John W. Zeigler, age 75, Co. F 117 Ind. Co. C 132; Joseph Hullet, age 83, Co. G 1st Tenn. Mounted Inft.; Josephus Cissna, age 79, Co. F 1st Cav.; Samuel Wesley, age 74, Co. B 65 Ind.; John A. Peckinpaugh, age 82, Cp. F 47 Ind. The average age of these soldiers is 81 years, 4 months.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 18, 1924.)

Aged couple is married

John F. Martin, 70 years old, wed Mrs. Martha Whitten, 67. Mr. J.F. Martin, a prominent farmer living near Dale, and Mrs. Martha J. Whitten, living with her son-in-law, the Rev. A.L. Medcalf, at Eldorado, Ill., were married at the latter place Sunday, the Reverend Medcalf officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Martin returned to Dale at once and will make their home on his farm north of Dale for the present. *The Reporter* extends the bride and groom its best wishes for a happy and successful life.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 26, 1903.)

S. George Forsten buried

S. George Forsten was born in Spencer County, Indiana, July 22, 1857 and departed this life May 17, 1923, age 64 years 9 months and 25 days. In December 1882 he was united in marriage to Louisa F. Cohoon. To this union one child was born, Mrs. Gertie Purviance. In Dec. 1906 his devoted wife departed this life to be with God. Since that time he made his home with his daughter.

He was a quite, honest and upright man, who in the last two years was in ill health. He was very patient during his severe suffering. He became very earnest in seeking the Lord during his last illness, praying much of the time. Shortly before he passed away, being asked by his daughter if he was trusting Jesus as his Saviour, he replied that he was.

He leaves to mourn his departure a daughter and three grandchildren of Chrisney, three brothers, Charles and William of Lincoln, Ill., and John E. Forsten of Helena, Ark., besides a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at Bloomfield, Free Methodist Church by the Rev. H. McKinnell, assisted by the Rev. E.E. Young of the M.E. Church and the Rev. Jacob Bauman, after which interment was made in Bloomfield Cemetery.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, May 25, 1923.)

JUNE 9, 1988

Captain Medcalf's sword to be returned

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Capt. C.W. Medcalf's sword

A Southerner has the sword carried by the captain when captured in 1863.

Gen. George McGinnis, postmaster at Indianapolis, received a letter last Friday from H.B. Phillips of Stockton, Ga., making indirect inquiry for the address of the late Capt. C.W. Medcalf, if living, or his family with a view to corresponding with reference to a sword in his possession captured during the war of the rebellion. The letter was given out for publication in the hope that the man or family wanted might be located. The letter is as follows:

Postmaster:

"Dear Sir, I have a sword in my possession that was captured by my father, who was a Lieut. Col. in the war between the states. The sword is marked 'C.W. Medcalf,' Co. B 42nd Ind. Vol. Wartrace Stone River. My father said C.W. Medcalf was an officer. I would like to correspond with Officer Medcalf or some of his relatives or friends. Please give me any ininformation you can, which I will appreciate.

Respectfully, H.B. Phillips."

Of course the C.W. Medcalf referred to was Capt. Cyrus W. Medcalf, who died here Aug. 14, 1900, and who was captain of Co. B 42nd Ind. Vol. and who was captured at the battle of Chickamauga in 1863. A member of the family of the deceased has written Phillips in regard to the matter and opened negotiations for the return of the sword. A reply is expected in a day or two.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 3, 1903.)

Obituary

Mary Josephine Crawford, daughter of Josah and Nancy Crawford, was born June 13, 1855 and departed this life April 19, 1924, age 68 years, 9 months and six days.

On Nov. 30, 1881 she was united in marriage to Andrew S. Patmore. To this union were born seven children, one Mrs. Nannie Porter, having preceded her mother to the better land. The children living are two sons, Wendell of Chrisney and Curtis of Hatfield, four daughters, Mrs. Cleo Bender, Mrs. Belle Bender and Mrs. Cecilia Ludwig of Chrisney and Mrs. Addie Bahn of Evansville.

Early in life she united with the M.E. Church at Buffaloville, later she transferred her membership to the Chrisney M.E. Church, during the pastorate of the Rev. Thom. Mrs. Patmore was a true Christian woman of the type who put the welfare of her home first in life, the highest tribute that can be paid to a woman. During the last few days she seemed to realize that her life was drawing near its close but repeatedly assured the members of the family that she had no fear of death and that she was ready and willing to go.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband, the six children, 20 grandchildren and friends innumerable. Mrs. Patmore was a kind and loving wife and mother and a good neighbor, one who will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 2, 1924.)

Court House news

The County Commissioners were in session the first three days of the week and had a busy session. In the matter of awarding contracts for furnishings for the court house, that for the clock was awarded to the Seth Thomas Clock Co., at $2,800.

The Mitchell & Halback Co. of Chicago was awarded contract for painting and decorating the interior of the house for $7,379.60. The Beardsley Chandelier Co. of Chicago is to put in the electrical fixtures for $4,749. The Otis Elevator Co. of Chicago will install the elevator the contract price being $7,181. Bids for the furnishings of the several offices, file cases, desks and office furniture were filed but for the reason that the bids were too high for the appropriation they were rejected. The board is now advertising to let the contract on Friday, March 5, when the county council will be asked to convene with the commissioners to take care of any emergency. Furniture and file cases come very high at this time.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 6, 1920.)

Soldier update

The following are soldiers omitted from the veteran listing. We regret any mistakes but are trying to update and correct this list for future use. Please send information to: Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Spencer County Library, Rockport, Ind., 47635.

Albert Lindsey--Sunset Hill; Arlie Jones--New Hope; William Goodwin--New Hope; Charles Wangler--New Hope; James Sisley--New Hope; William J. Gibbs--Sunset Hill; Richard Hedrick (not Hendricks)--Grandview; William Golladay (not Golloday)--Grandview; Floyd T. "Pete" Chapman--Oak Hill; Walter Lehr--Mary Help of Christians; William A. Hagan--Sunset Hill; Mart R. Jackson--Sunset Hill; Harry L. Sauter, New Hope; and Virgil M. Jones--Oak Hill.

Queries

Doris B. Troyer of 471 Moody Street, Akron, Ohio, 44305, is seeking any information about Emanuel Troyer from Dale who is said to have disappeared while hauling something to Evansville. He was married to Mary Ann Harvey and had the following children: Daniel, Jacob, Nancy, William and Mary Louise. Any information would be appreciated.

Betty Leslie of 3530 Valley Ridge Road, Dallas, Texas, 75220, wishes to correspond with anyone having information about Abel Wright of near Rockport. She especially mentions a Betty Jones to write as she doesn't have address to initiate the connection.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Bruce are married 55 years

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Couple married 55 years

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bruce of Princeton, formerly of Dale, on Tuesday celebrated an occasion which falls to the lot of very few married couples, the 55th anniversary of their wedding which occurred April 29, 1869, at the home of the bride's parents near Dale. Mr. Bruce is in his 83rd year and his wife is past 76. Both are in fairly good health and were able to get the most possible out of this unusual event.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their wedding five years ago they were at Dale, and a family reunion was held at that time which four generations of the family participated. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce were the proud great great-grandparents of one child. At the present time they have four.

Mr. Bruce is a veteran of the Civil War, having served as a member of Co. H 42nd Ind. Vol., and enjoys relating the fact that he coaxed a small mustache to grow in order that he would be accepted for enlistment. He was but 17 years of age at the time. Returning to Dale following the Civil War, he married Miss Mary Harper and the couple settled on a farm where he remained until a few years ago when age forced their retirement. Since that time they have lived with their children and at the present time are with a daughter, Mrs. Robert Perry at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce were the parents of eight children and all but one are living. They are: George Bruce, Dale; Thomas Bruce, Princeton; Mrs. E.E. Garrison and Mrs. Ira Barr, Dale; Barnhill R. Bruce, Mrs. Robert Perry and Mrs. Harvey Crain, Princeton.

(Taken from the Dale Weekly Reporter, May 2, 1924.)

Christopher Graham passes away

Christopher Graham passed away at his home in Sherman, Calif., Aug. 1, 1923. He was born in Rockport, Indiana, Aug. 31, 1863. He was the youngest son of C.C. Graham and Mary J. Graham, his father and mother with his two brothers, Charles and S.O. Graham, having preceded him.

The father was a captain in the Mexican War, his grandfather, Judge John W. Graham, was one of the pioneer settlers of Spencer County, coming here in the spring of 1819. Kit, as he was familiarly known among his friends in Rockport, spent his entire life here until a few years ago when he with his wife moved to California.

He united with the Methodist church at Rockport, Indiana, in 1886. The last eight months he was bedfast and had the watchful care of his wife, Mrs. Zella Pemberton Graham, for which he was so thankful. His last words to her were "what could I have done without you?"

The funeral services were held in Pomona, Calif., Aug. 3. He was laid to rest in Pomona Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 17, 1923.)

Query

Mike Keller of 113 King Drive, Evans, W. Va., 25241, is seeking information about John Hurm who married Francis Keller, d/o John Adam Keller Sr. He also wants information about George Keller born in 1858 in Fulda.

Soldier update

Thanks to the response of soldiers not listed. These will be included in any future listings.

Harry E. Nash, Sunset Hill; Jerome E. Morris, Sunset Hill; Carl M. Bates, Mt. Zion Luce Twp.; Roy Reed, New Hope Grandview; Omar Talbott, New Hope Grandview; Carl Bays, New Hope Grandview; and Holland Duley, Hatfield Cemetery.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Will of Fannie McCoy probated

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Will of Fannie McCoy

The will of the late Fannie McCoy was probated this week. The will provides first that all just debts be paid. All testor's estate, real and personal, is bequeathed to her husband, Joseph W. McCoy, to hold until his death. Item three of the will directs the executor to pay as soon as possible after the death of both Fannie McCoy and Joseph W. McCoy, the several notes made in favor of Indiana Central University in Marion County, Ind., and the Otterbein home, near Lebanon, Ohio, payable after their death.

One of the aforesaid notes to said Indiana Central University is for $5,000 and bears 6 percent interest and said University is to pay annually to trustees of Ebenezer United Brethren Church and Cemetery of Luce Township, Spencer County, Ind., $300; interest, $200 of which each year is to be used perpetually for purpose of maintaining cemetery and especially to keep the Joseph W. McCoy and family burial plot in good condition. The remaining $100 of each annual payment is to be used for the upkeep of said Ebenezer Church.

Item Four bequeath to Indiana Central University for a permamains of estate after all provisions of foregoing items have been carried out, and this fund is to be known as Joseph W. and Fannie McCoy is named executor of the will.

In case he had not survived testator the president of Indiana Central University would have been executor according to terms of will.

The will is dated Feb. 16, 1921 and witnessed by John Stevenson and E.L. Boyd.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 22, 1924.)

Soldier update

Allan Varner, New Hope; Karl Franzman, Sunset Hill; Victor Mallory.

Skates about 40 miles

Last Saturday, Jimmy McDaniel, the second son of Stephan A. McDaniel, who lives near Midway this county, undertook the feat of coming to Dale on skates.

Leaving home at 9:30 a.m. he first went to his grandfather's over in Warrick County, and then via Gentryville to this place, reaching here in time for dinner. After taking a short rest he started on the return trip, reaching home before nightfall. The entire distance traveled was a little the rise of 40 miles, every foot of which was made on skates (1888).

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 24, 1913 (25 year item).

Obituary

Ellen, wife of Gentry Giles, aged 45 years.

Sister Giles was the mother of eight children, two of whom preceded her to the spirit land, she leaves a husband and six children and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss, but their loss was her eternal gain.

She has been a consistent member of the Baptist church for 32 years. She was baptised by Elder William McConnel and at the time of her death was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her and we shall miss her and her many acts of kindness. A member A.J.P.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, March 22, 1884.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Brothers play joke on themselves

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was orginally written.)

Brothers joke on themselves

Charley and Roy Oskins played a joke on themselves Sunday. Charles went on the morning train here, Sunday, to Evansville to spend the day with his brother, and Roy came up home Sunday to spend the day here and as the train does not pass here, never saw each other all day.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 27, 1902.)

Pioneer woman dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Clistia Tullis, who died last Friday, were held last Sunday morning at Shiloh Church, conducted by the Rev. W.H. Minter. The following obituary was read:

Clistia Isadora Winkler, youngest daughter of Thomas and Sallie Barnett Winkler, was born on the old Winkler farm five miles west of Rockport, Feb. 1, 1849, and died Sept. 14, 1923, being 73 years, 7 months and 13 days.

She was a descendant of the Barnett family, one of the oldest and most highly respected pioneer families of this county, her grandparents having come here from North Carolina in 1807. She was united in marriage to Richard Louis Tullis March 22, 1866, who preceded her in death 13 years. To this union was born seven children: Charles, John, Marvin and Martin, Mrs. Claude Snyder, Mrs. William Guy and Lizzie Lillian, all of whom survive her except the latter, who died in infancy.

She is survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild, three brothers, Charles of Nevada, Iowa Walker of Denver, Colo., and John of Danville, Ill. She was converted and joined the ME church while yet a young girl and kept her faith in her Master. She passed quietly away at her farmhouse west of Rockport, surrounded by her children.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 17, 1923.)

Barker family reunion

A reunion of the descendants of William Barker (1795-1866) will be held Sunday, Sept. 16, 1923, at Lincoln Park.

All descendants and relatives are invited and urged to be present. If unable to attend they are requested to send written greetings with statement of relationship back to or beyond said William Barker, age, date of birth, children and date of birth, and post office address to Floyd A. Barker, secretary, Dale, Ind.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 21, 1923.)

Soldier update

Vernon W. Masterson, New Hope; John W. Richard, New Hope; and Roy Oskins, Garden of Memory.

Holding a family reunion?

Let us know about your reunion and we'll try to make the day extra special. Plans are being made at this time and hopefully will materialize yet this summer for an exciting new twist to your family festivities. Information will be turned over to the committee responsible for this special project and dates will be published in Hoosier Ancestors. Please include full pioneer father's name and earliest date known in Spencer County.

St. Bernard's Survives Disastrous 1917 Fire

(By Mrs. Marie Conen and Mrs. Gladys Martin)

Among the first records obtainable it is found that in 1849 Rev. Joseph Kundeck, of Jasper visited Rockport and found four (Catholic) families.

From 1849 until 1874 the Benedictine Fathers served the Mission.

Prior to the erection of the church Mass was said in the home of John and Margaret Kerstiens, located on north Sixth St., near the church site.

"THE PLANTER," one of the early newspapers of the County on July 26, 18[illegible] carried this article.

"The Rev. Maurice De St. Palais, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, visited our town yesterday accompanied by the Rev. Mr. Bessonis. We understand that while here he celebrated high mass and administered confirmation. We learn also that arrangements have been made for the erection of a place of public worship and the establishment of a cemetery."

Surmounting many difficulties a small brick church was built, the ceremony of laying the corner stone being June 6, 1850, at which time it was named St. Bernards.

After a long, intensive search it has been determined that it was called St. Bernard's due to the fact that Bernard Herman Walters, then a leading merchant of Rockport was largely instrumental in providing funds for the first church.

The Catholics were few in numbers and their church was humble in appearance but the worst of all was they had no permanent pastor. It is true they were attended sometimes from St. Meinrad, sometimes from Troy, but on account of the great distance the pastoral visits were short and few in number. Rev. Michael Marendt is known to have walked from Cannelton to Rockport, altho the principal mode of transportation was on horseback.

Of course under these circumstances the church could not properly develop herself.

On January 15, 1874, however, things took a different aspect. Rev. John William Book made Rockport his home and took charge of the little unassuming congregation.

In fact, it may be said that the history of the church begins at this time.

On May 18, 1875 the corner stone of the new brick church was laid, and on June 25, 1876 the dedication took place. Father Book turned the old church into a school, conducted by the Benedictine Sisters, who have continuously remained in charge.

Father Book built up the congregation until there were about sixty families, and in 1882 a rectory was built.

Between 1877 and 1892 the Benedictine Sisters conducted an Academy on what is commonly known as 'Bosler' hill, a short distance from the church and present school. About that time a small house was built near the school for the nuns and it has been added to and remodeled from time to time, there being at the present 4 teachers and a housekeeper.

On July 16, 1865 a tract of land, located north of the City of Rockport was acquired as a church cemetery.

In 1886 Father Book was assigned to the pastorate of the Catholic Church at Cannelton; he was succeeded by the Rev. T. B. Mesker and others, including Rev. John Hillebrand who served from 1891 until 1897; Rev. William Jochim (now the R. Rev. Monseigneur Jochim, of New Albany) served from 1898 until 1907, followed by Rev. Joseph Gerdon, and Rev. Augustine Sprigler, (now the Rt. Rev. Monseigneur Sprigler of Evansville) who left here in 1911.

Files of the ROCKPORT DEMOCRAT, dated May 24, 1907 reveal that the baccalaureate address for the R.H.S. was delivered in St. Bernard's Church by Rev. William Jochim, Pastor.

Rev. Francis E. Schaub next served until about 1919.

The ROCKPORT DEMOCRAT, of Jan. 5, 1917 carried a long item with this heading:

"ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE NEW YEAR'S MORNING, IS A TOTAL LOSS WITH NEARLY ALL OF ITS FURNISHINGS"

The destructive fire occured early New Year's morning, shortly before services were to begin, it broke out in the roof, spread rapidly and could not be subdued until the whole, interior was consumed. This tragic fire was a severe blow to the congregation, as the loss was only partially covered by insurance. After the fire a temporary chapel was built on the east end of the original church that was then used as a school, the school rooms provided space for parishioners, where week day Masses and other services were held. The space there being too small to accomodate the entire congregation, Sunday Mass, funerals and such services as required more room to accomodate the congregation were conducted in an old brick church, located on No. Fifth Street, which at that time was known as the German Evangelical Church, use of which had been discontinued, this building is now Summer School.

In the early Spring of 1917 arrangements were under way for the construction of a new Catholic Church on the old site, part of the walls of the old structure was used with the addition of a new sanctuary, sacristy, entire new interior, belfry, roof, etc.

The ROCKPORT DEMOCRAT, of Sept 6, 1918 carried another long item headed:

"ST. BERNARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH DEDICATED" and saying in part: "The dedication again established St. Bernard's congregation in their own church and marks the culmination of more than a year of hard labor on the part of the pastor, Rev. F. E. Schaub and the congregation."

The dedication was attended by Bishop Chartrand of the Indianapolis Diocese, and many visiting priests.

In 1920 Rev. Timothy Kavanaugh came to Rockport, followed by the Rev. Andrew Bastnagel, Rev. George Pohl, Rev. Adam Baron, and Rev. Thomas Hoffman, who served until 1941, when the Rev. Joseph M. Brown was appointed and served until September, 1950. During his pastorate a new pipe organ was installed, the church decorated, and the project of a new school building begun, with the erection of a gymnasium and several adjoining rooms, opening in time for the 1949 fall term.

Present plans call for the addition of class rooms and other facilities.

The next and present pastor being the Rev. Michael Wolf, who has added a number of improvements, including an insulated acoustic ceiling in the School Auditorium, and tuck pointing of the entire church, in Sept., 1954. St. Bernard's was in the Indianapolis Arch dioceso until 1946, and since that time it is a part of the Evansville diocese, under the jurisdiction of Bishop Henry J. Grimmelsman, S.T.D.

Several young men and women from St. Bernard's have entered religious vocations, and the parish has maintained a steady growth.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Graduates of 1903 listed

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Dale graduates

The graduates of the Dale schools who will receive diplomas this year are Misses Ophia Kemp, Jessie Williams, Jennie Jones, Cora Wedeking, Etta Medcalf, Florence Thomas, Messrs. Frank Cox, Admen Medcalf, Walter Pennington, Ed Roth and Elmer Winkler.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 1, 1903.)

Death of Isaac Wright

Captain Isaac Wright died Tuesday morning, the 23rd, of old age on his farm back of Troy. Capt. Wright was one of the oldest river men in the state, his age being about 85 years. He had been a river man ever since he was 18 years old, until within the last few years, when his eye sight failed him.

He was the pioneer Red River pilot, and finally was captain for many years on that river. When the war with Mexico came on, he took service with the U.S. Government in transport department, taking his boat across the Gulf of Mexico to the Rio Grande River, where he remained in active duty until the close of the war. The war ending, he again entered the Red River trade where he remained except while on short visits home, until within the last few years.

It was interesting to spend an afternoon in the old Captain's company when he was in one of his lively moods, telling of his many adventures in that country that was comparatively wild for many years after he began to navigate its principal river. He was a kind man and had many friends.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Dec. 20, 1884.)

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 10, 1885.)

Golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Dawson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home west of town on Christmas day. There were 44 members of the family as guests, namely: Mr. and Mrs. George Bence, Mrs. Seward Dawson and children; the Rev. W.C. Shrode and family; Otto Haines and family; Phillip Freshly and family, all of Grandview; Thomas Axton and family, Lawrence Woodruff and family, Thomas Dawson and family, Norman Haines and family, R.O. Hedrick and family, Clifford and Everett Dawson and families, of Richland; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bence and Thomas Jesse and wife of Evansville.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Jan. 1, 1931.)

47 years ago

Mrs. Cissna of Rockport celebrated the 102nd anniversary of her birth on Dec. 6.

Clinton Sutton of near Newtonville, the oldest son of Anna Sutton, was killed last Friday by a barn floor falling on him. The accident occurred on the Emmick farm place above Grandview. He was gathering corn for William Talbott and they were stowing the corn in the barn, and had the horses stabled under the floor. He had just brought the horses out and returned for something when the floor fell in from the weight of the corn, killing him instantly. Clint was a good boy and the main stay and support of his widowed mother.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, April 29, 1936. (Items from 1889))

Chrisney Sun anniversary

The Chrisney Sun is 18 years old this week. May it shine on successfully is our wish.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 26, 1903.)

Death of Elizabeth Daniels

Elizabeth Daniels died Tuesday morning, Dec. 23, age 84 years, of old age. She was a sister of Captain Isaac Wright, whose death was reported in these columns a few days ago.

Captain Wright's wife had died many years ago, and Aunt Betsy's (as we all called her) husband had died many years ago.

The old people, brother and sister, had been living together ever since the death of their respective companions; and only seven days separated the dates of their death. If death has to come, it is a pleasure to write it in plain English, "of old age." Aunt Betsy had many friends who will mourn the loss of so kind a woman.

News of 1897

John Bayse of Rockport died last Friday afternoon. He was born 1827, Spencer County, and has been engaged in drug business since 1862 at Rockport.

Sam Hudson, age 20 years, son of Jacob Hudson, living near Centerville, left home Sunday for Chrisney, but one hour later was found lying in a branch of water on Chrisney Road. He had just recovered from pneumonia, died probably from exhaustion.

(Taken from The Boonville Standard, Feb. 26, 1897.)

Soldier update

Jake Z. Warren, Hatfield Cemetery; Joseph Stateler, Sunset Hill Cemetery; and Christopher Tharp, Sunset Hill Cemetery.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

July 21, 1988

Tramp looking for food asks for chop

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Looking for food

A tramp called on a farmer for something to eat, and was asked whether he preferred stake or chop. Thinking a moment, he said he liked chop. This way then, said the farmer; there's the ax and woodpile; when you have chopped enough, dinner will be ready. If he had answered steak, there was some fencing to be done. The tramp concluded that fried pork would be more satisfactory, and he'd see if they had it at the next house.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 16, 1885.)

Installs new machine

R.M. Sibrel, local shoe repairer, has installed a new stitching machine and is now prepared to do heavy sewing on shoes. The machine is primarily for use in sewing on soles and it certainly does the work. It is driven by electric motor.

Mr. Sibrel is a hustling young businessman, who believes in keeping up with the times. This machine completes his equipment, and makes his shop one of the most modern shoe repairing establishments in this section of the state. He enjoys a splendid patronage and the quality and style of his work bespeaks greater growth.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Nov. 2, 1923.)

A surprise

Wednesday evening, May 19, a large crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Ludwig on Sunnyslop Farm at Buffaloville to surprise their son, Wesley, who went to Valparaiso, to attend college the next day. Wesley had been fishing on the Ohio River and when he returned home all were there.

The evening was spent in playing music and games, all leaving at a late hour, reported to having a good time and wishing Wesley success through college.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 28, 1915.)

Obituary

George Washington Stites died at 4 o'clock Monday morning, May 16, at his home two miles northwest of Chrisney, with congestion of the brain, at the age of 45 years, 2 months and 21 days.

Mr. Stites walked over to his brother-in-law, J.W. Murray's home, one-half mile away, ate dinner and started home saying he felt bad, that he would go home and get some medicine and return. But he grew worse by the time he arrived home and died.

Mr. Stites was a member of Co. B 140th Regiment, Ind. Vol. During the severe march in the State of Virginia, in the late war, he received a sun stroke, which, at times ever afterward, gave him great pain and distraction of mind.

For the past five years he has been gradually going down, and for the past 12 months he has been very low at different times.

Mr. Stites was born Feb. 25, 1842, in this township; having lived and died within one mile of his birthplace. On April 3, 1867, he was married to Nancy Richardson. Four boys are left fatherless and his wife a widow.

The Rev. T.W. Winkler preached the funeral sermon at the M.E. church in Bloomfield of which Mr. Stites was a member. The remains were consigned to the grave in the Bloomfield Cemetery Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Stites was a member of the G.A.R. Post at Gentryville. The Chrisney G.A.R. Post attended the funeral.

(Taken from The Sun, Thursday, May 19,1887.)

Query

James Karney of P.O. Box 821, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 37831, is trying to locate information about his ancestors in Spencer County. Surnames include: Karney (William, James Anderson, William Anderson) and Conner (Albert, Alfred).

Soldier update

James C. Haynes Sr., Midway; Phillip J. Young, Sunset Hill; Aaron W. Sutton, Sargent.

Thanks for the great response in updating the soldier list this year. All omissions will be added as they are reported and recorded for the historical society films.

Finds ring

Porter Smith found a ring while walking on the school grounds one day last week which is somewhat of a curio. The ring is made of guttapercha, or bone of some sort, and his had three sets of some sort on the top of it. On one side date 1824 is cut, and on inside of ring T. Lincoln. The engraving was probably done with a pocket knife. The ring was possibly washed out by the recent rains.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 15, 1914.)

James W. Light

Son of Daniel and Susannah Stewart Light, born ca1811, married March 8, 1835 in Hamilton County, Ohio, to Mary A. Burdsill.

Children (all born Ohio birth year from census): Moses B., 1836; Mary A., 1838, married Samuel Hamilton, Nov. 15, 1857; Phebe M., 1840, married John M. Brown Aug. 8, 1868; Henry, 1846; Lavinia, 1848, married Thomas Lawson, Dec. 10, 1871; Ambrose, 1851; Eliza, 1853; Viola, 1855; Marcus, 1860; Harrison, 1862; Alice, 1864; Mary, 1869; Ara J., 1867.

Note: Mary A. Light died Nov. 27, 1896, 78 years. Buried at Oak Grove Cemetery without marker. Information from *Rockport Journal* dated Dec. 4, 1896, newspaper extracts.

Cow causes death

A shocking accident occurred last Friday morning, just over the line in Spencer County, by which Henry Gray, son of William Gray, formerly of Skelton Township, lost his life.

He was assisting his mother in milking an unruly cow that had run away two or three times. He mounted a horse and went after her, when his mother found him he was unable to speak and died Saturday morning.

He was buried yesterday (Sunday) at the Phillips Cemetery. His mother and young wife, of whom he married but a short time, could hardly bear the bereavement. His wife was a daughter of Jesse Pearce.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, April 28, 1879.)

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July 28, 1988

Safe blowers at Dale only net $1.35 from company

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Safe blowers visit Dale

The safe in the office of the Wallace Milling Company was blown open at an early hour Wednesday morning and the burglars made a successful escape, leaving no trace of their route.

The cash drawer in the safe was not molested, either for the reason that they were frightened away or due to the fact that it was secured by a burglar-proof door. The outer door was blown into many pieces and the safe so badly damaged that it is rendered worthless.

Every indication points to the fact that nitro glycerine was used for the work and that experienced men were engaged. Sacks of feed and empty bags were piled around the safe and secured by pushing a heavy desk against them. Fragments of the flying door badly damaged the furniture in the room, and the adding machine was broken. The only thing found missing was the sum of $1.35 which was left in the cash drawer of the desk. A number of our residents report having heard an explosion at about 1:30 a.m., but all dismissed the fact without further thought.

A neighboring citizen stepped to his front porch on hearing the report and this may have frightened the burglars. Marshall Houghland telephoned for the Tell City bloodhound, but on its arrival was unable to do satisfactory work, although it did follow a scent to the railroad.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 9, 1915.)

Joseph Roth dead

Joseph Roth, aged 79 years, a highly respected citizen and for a long time a resident of Spencer County, died in Huntingburg at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H.L. Katterhenry, Thursday afternoon, March 12, of the infirmities due to old age.

Deceased was a native of Germany having been born in Baden Oct. 28, 1828. He remained with his parents in his native country until he was 24 years of age.

In the year 1851 he left the fatherland for the United States landing at New Orleans Jan. 1, 1852 where he remained three years, when he came to Indiana, settling in Spencer County.

May 16, 1852 Joseph Roth was united in marriage to Christina J. Voech. This union was blessed with seven children, three of whom are living as follows: Mrs. H.L. Katterhenry of Huntingburg, Mrs. George A. Haaff and William F. Roth of Spencer County. One of the departed daughters was the wife of Anthony Miller and the mother of Mrs. John Maas. Mrs. Roth died a number of years ago, and for several years Mr. Roth had been making his home with his daughter at Huntingburg.

Before moving to Huntingburg he followed farming in Spencer County. Deceased was a good man and consistent member of the Evangelical Association. He lived the life of a Christian and was respected by all who knew him.

The remains were interred in the Zoar Cemetery near Centerville.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 20, 1908.)

Scott Whitaker passes away

Scott Whitaker, the son of Abram and Jane Miller Whitaker, was born near Chrisney on April 27, 1858, and departed this life on March 11, 1933, near Lamar, aged 74 years, 10 months and 12 days.

He married Mattie Collier on Sept. 25, 1895, and to this union were born seven children, six of whom are now living--Mrs. John Richards of Chrisney, Mrs. Hobart Ferguson, Helen, Elbert, Geneva and John Whitaker, all of near Lamar. A son, George, together with his wife, Mattie, preceded him in death. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Walter Scott and Vivian Richards and Bobby Joe and Wanda Gay Ferguson, together with other kindred.

He was born and has always lived in Spencer County, and was a unique character, being in many respects in a class by himself. Denied in youth the advantages of an education by the adversity of hard times, yet he possessed natural strong qualities of manhood that more than offset the disadvantages of his early poverty. He was endowed with keen insight, clear discrimination and wise judgment in the affairs of business with which he had to deal. He was honest, fair and conscientious in his dealings, was kind, considerate and helpful to his fellowman, and these qualities combined with an accurate understanding of human nature, industry and plain and frugal tastes and habits enabled him to work out a competency for his declining years. He sacrificed for, shielded and loved those near to him by family ties.

He was an exacting taskmaster upon himself, choosing to do his full part of the hardest hard work of the world. He will be sadly missed by many needy folks who are unable to help themselves. Someone has aptly called him the man's banker, for he provided food and raiment for the sick, the weak and the luckless.

"And the King shall answer and say unto him, verily, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Through such charity the righteous inherit life eternal.

Note: He is buried in New Hope Cemetery.

(Submitted by Mark Masterson, a member of the Spencer County Historical Society.)

Query

Jewel Nunemacher of 2555 PGA Blvd. #41, Palm Beach, Fla., 33410, is researching Jones and McCoy. Does anyone know the parents of John McCoy, William McCoy, Jemima Hurst or Nancy. He will answer letters of any interested ancestor.

Soldier update

David Davis, Bloomfield Cemetery; and Uriah Powell, no proof that he is buried in Spencer County.

Correction

Due to a typographical error, in last week's Hoosier Ancestors, it was incorrectly stated that a book written by Helen Tremper included a history of the town of Gentryville. It actually includes a history of the town of Grandview.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 4, 1988

Mill changes hands in 1925

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Flour Mill changes hands

The Dale Flour Mill, operated the past few years under the name of the Dale Milling Company, will again become the Wallace Milling Company after the first of the year.

The Messrs. Donald and Ronald Wallace of Huntingburg, heads of the Wallace Milling Company at that place, and former residents of Dale, when this firm owned the local mill, have bought the interests of Messrs. C.E. Scaaf, Louis Huppert and Horace Walter in the Dale Mill and will again become managers of this institution Jan. 1 of the coming year.

(Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 27, 1925.)

Arrowhead found

While digging on the farm of William Burkhart, near Lake Mill, Frank Burroughs found an Indian arrowhead at a depth of six feet. A part of the arrow itself was attached to the head. The part of the arrow crumpled when it was exposed to the air.

Further digging took them down to where they could hear the sound of running water under them, supposedly an underground stream running under the "lake" region into the Lake Drain. The Ohio River is supposed to have run through the region at one time.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 12, 1915.)

Newspaper takes stand

The *Rockport Democrat* was loyal to the Union, but generally opposed the Civil War--a stand that agitated Union soldiers. The Confederates were even less sympathetic. After the editor accused the Rebel soldiers camped in the city of corrupting the area's women, the soldiers dumped the newspaper type into the Ohio River.

(Submitted by Orville Martin)

William Karney dies

William Anderson Karney was born in Jefferson County, Ky., Aug. 18, 1825, and died in Rockport, July 7, 1904, aged 78 years, 10 months and 19 days. He removed to Dearborn County, Ind., with his parents when but a small boy, where he resided until about the year 1842, when he came to Spencer County, where he resided until his death. His father was a native of Ireland and his mother of North Carolina.

He was married to Nancy Snyder in Aurora, Ind. Dec. 11, 1851, to them were born seven sons and one daughter. His wife died almost 24 years before him, on July 14, 1880. Four sons survive him, Frank, John, George and James. Something like 60 years ago he joined the ME church under the labors of James Noble, then pastor of Rockport and surrounding county. He was a kind, indulgent father, an affectionate husband and a good neighbor all his life.

In politics, "Uncle" Anderson, as he was called by his friends, was a Democrat, and his familiar figure was well known on the streets of Rockport, always in a good humor, jollying with his Republican friends about politics, never getting angry himself or making anyone mad. He was liked by all who knew him and will be sadly missed.

His funeral took place Saturday morning July 9 at 10 o'clock at Shiloh Church conducted by the Rev. A.A. Godbey, who had been his pastor 23 years ago assisted by Dr. E.E. Wood, of the ME church, of Rockport, and the Rev. V.A. Aspy of the Baptist Church.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 15, 1904.)

Death of little Ora

Ora Brown, infant son of William and Harriet Brown, died at their home two miles west of Dale, Saturday, Oct. 14, 1893. He was buried Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the Taylor Graveyard, three miles west of Selvin.

Ora was the twin brother of little Cora, the remaining babe, he was 9 months and 24 days old. His death was unexpected, he being sick only three days.

The funeral was attended by many friends and relatives. The parents have the sympathy of friends and neighbors.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping from Tabelman collection.)

Tidbits from Richland

Orville Ferguson and wife left for Florida Wednesday to visit Fred Smith.

Will Richards, traveling salesman for the Henderson Buggy Co., is visiting his nephew, Robert Palmer.

All those knowing themselves indebted to me must call and settle by Feb. 1. J.C. Jolly, M.D.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McVey Jan. 10, 1912, a boy, Kenneth "Ty Cobb."

Marriage licenses: Aubrey Haines and Della Degarmo, Frank Townsley and Clara Mattingly, and John Lipton and Emma Smith.

(Taken from Richland City Times, Lake PO, Jan. 11, 1912.)

Note

The above newspaper, *Richard City Times,* is not on microfilm. The Spencer County Historical Society is very interested in borrowing any existing issues so they can be filmed. *The Grandview Monitor, Chrisney Sun, Dale Weekly Reporter* and *Rockport-Democrat* are available for viewing at the society room in the Spencer County Library at Rockport.

Soldier update

William Raaf, Grandview Cemetery; and Cecil Friedel, listed fifth column, 76th from bottom.

Queries

Any information on the Keeler family of Hammond Township, Grandview, can be sent to the Historical Society, Spencer County Library Walnut Street, Rockport, Ind. 47635. The society will forward information to interested individuals.

Richland citizens--Please look for old **newspapers** to be microfilmed. Call **362-8256 or 362-7268** if you **have any to loan.**

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 11, 1988

6-year-old pianist is one of youngest musicians for miles around Rockport

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Child musician

Little George Edward Enlow, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Enlow of this city, is one of the youngest musicians in or around Rockport for miles. He can play both piano or organ in the most clever and skillful manner. He has been playing ever since he was not quite 4 years old, and the number of pieces he plays is certainly not limited; plays both sacred and love songs.

Edward is in the primary grade of the public schools, never took a lesson in music, and he also carries the alto voice when singing with his three older brothers. He is certainly a little music wonder, and it would well pay one to hear him. (From the Rockport Journal)

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 30, 1917.)

Obituary of Cynthia H. Mills

Cynthia H. Mills, wife of Moses Mills, died on the 16th at Eureka and was buried at the Shiloh Cemetary Saturday, J.M. Daniel, her pastor, conducting the services. Mrs. Mills belonged to one of the great families that came from the Carolinas in an early day and settled in the hills of Perry County. Her grandmother, Susannah Hicks, died at the remarkable age of 92 years, 3 months and 28 days and had 80 grandchildren, 117 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mills was a member of the Hicks family and had four sisters and eight brothers. Three of her brothers were ministers. Two brothers, Lowry and Ephraim, still live in Perry County and one sister, Melissa Pharis, lives in Illinois.

Cynthia Hicks was married to Moses Mills May 28, 1863 in Perry County, Indiana. There were five girls and two boys born to them. Four daughters, Susie, Mary, Josie and Belle and one son J.H. were at the bedside of their mother. Thirteen years ago the Millses moved to Eureka in Spencer County. Here the father died after a residence of six years. He was a veteran of the war of the sixties and was 71 years of age, now at the ripe old age of 82 years, 8 months and 10 days. His wife follows him to the silent city.

Cynthia Hicks united with the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Perry County when about 18 years old. This church disbanded and she and her husband united with the Deer Creek Church near by where they were members until the day of death. She lived a consistent life and all her children are Christians. Mrs. Mills was grandmother of 12 children.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 24, 1915.)

Grave of Atha Meeks

Aaron Meeks of Newtonville, was in Hatfield Monday for the purpose of locating the grave of Atha Meeks. Uriah McCoy, and William Middleton assisted in the search and the grave was found about two miles west of Hatfield. Aaron Meeks is a grandson of Atha whose death was re-acted in the pageant.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 14, 1916.)

The grave of Atha Meeks which was found last week is located near the banks of the Pigeon Creek about four miles north of here instead of west as reported last week. It was not hard to find as it was remembered that slate was placed on the sides of the grave when Meeks was buried. The grave of the Indian, who killed Meeks, could not be located exactly but it is known to be near the grave of the latter. A monument will be placed over the grave of Meeks and the funds will be raised by popular subscription.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 21, 1916.)

Soldier update

William G. Glackman, Sunset Hill, Ohio; Denvy Davis, St. Bernard's, Ohio; James Hatfield, Richardson, Luce; Simeon Rasor, Hackleman, Grass; Otto C. Fueger, Sunset Hill, Ohio; and John A. Fueger, Oak Hill, Grass.

Queries

Will the gentleman who wrote about the stabbing in Dale, IN ca1916 please write again. I finally found what you were looking for and have misplaced your name and address. Send to Spencer County Historical Society, c/o Spencer County Library, Rockport, IN, 47635.

Mrs. C.R. Green is looking for information about Perry O. Green. She especially needs his parents. Send information to society and it will be forwarded.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 18, 1988

Lewelyn Jeffrey writes to Santa Claus in 1924

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Dear Santa

December 6, 1924
Chrisney, IN
Dear Santa,

I am a little boy 7 years old. I go to school and I am in the second grade. I want an air rifle, knife, ball, cap and some nuts, oranges, bananas and candy. You will find the hay and corn for your reindeer on the front walk.

Your truly,
Lewelyn Jeffrey

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 12, 1924.)

Mrs. Mary Romine

Mrs. Mary Romine, age 73 years, widow of Benjamin Romine, died at her home at Lincoln City Wednesday morning of pneumonia, after an illness of only one week. She leaves no family, but her brothers, Wayne Hevron of near Lincoln City, Mack Hevron of Elwood and Att Hevron of Evansville, and her sister, Mrs. Belle Chinn, survive her.

The funeral services will be held this morning and the interment will occur at Old Pigeon Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 10, 1918.)

Lamar news

Uncle Trus Lamar, after a lingering illness, died at his home near here, Tuesday, Oct. 6. Thus has ended the life of another of the pioneers of this community. He was buried Wednesday at the Conner graveyard, followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of sorrowing and sympathizing friends and relatives. The bereaved widow and children have the heart-felt sympathies of all.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 16, 1891.)

Charter members of St. John's UCC

An organization meeting took place on March 20, 1865 in the schoolhouse, presided over by the Rev. David Ankele. A committee consisting of the following men was appointed to further this organization:

John Henry Tonnemacher, John Frederick Brinkman and John Henry Meier. The following signed their names to show that they desired and were willing to help support an Evangelical Church, these became the charter members:

John Henry Tonnemacher, John Frederick Brinkman, John Peter Schroeder, John Henry Schroeder, John Henry Schweers, John Frederick Kruse, John Frederick Reckweg, John Henry Brockman, John D. Casten, John Henry Ravens, John Henry Meiers, Richard Hoops, Herman H. Casten, William Kroeger, Dioedrich Meier, Gerhard Henry Brinkman, Henry Rolfing, Cord Reinke, Frederick Wardelman, J. Henry Ravens, Henry Harmon Bahn, George Recke and Catharine Helmich.

These members signed later: February 1866: John Tabelman and Frederick Schoeder; April 15, 1866: William Warnke; Jan. 20, 1867: Arend Tabelman, Henry Link, Christena Krause and William Krause.

(Taken from St. John's United Church of Christ 100th anniversary book 1865-1965)

Letter from A. Lincoln

The following letter was recently found among the papers of David Turnham, deceased. Search was made for this letter during his life and it was supposed that it had been destroyed.

Springfield, Ill.
Oct. 23, 1860
David Turnham, Esq.,
My dear old friend:

Your kind letter of the 17th is received. I am indeed very glad to learn you are still alive and well. I will remember when you and I last met. After a separation of fourteen at the cross-road voting place in the fall of 1844. It is now sixteen years more and we are both no longer yong men. I suppose you are a grandfather and I though married much later in life have a son nearly grown. I would much like to visit the old friends of my boyhood, but I fear the chance for doing so soon is not very good. Your friend and sincere well wisher.

A. Lincoln

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 31, 1896.)

Soldier update

Keep calling and writing. The response has been great. James Arnold, Sunset Hill; Anthony G. Maas, Sunset Hill; William Martin Bantle, Mt. Zion (Luce); Robert Jerry Rasor, Mt. Zion (Luce); Robert Woolsey and Ivan Burroughs listed in 1988.

Queries

James Talbert of 3205 Powell, Evansville, IN, 47715, is seeking information on Joel Harris and Nancy Summer, married 1850, and the Haller and Sergesketter families, all in Spencer County, IN, 19th century.

Lois J. Maier of 8985 Haveteur Way, San Diego, CA, 92123, is seeking information on William Pierce of Spencer and Warrick counties. He was born in North Carolina circa 1778, lived in Kentucky where most of his children were born, and moved to Spencer County before 1816. About 1835 he moved from Spencer County to Warrick where he died about 1855. He had several sons and daughters including Joseph, George, Nancy and Jane who married a James Tooley (Tuley). Please contact.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 25, 1988

91-year-old woman celebrates birthday

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Celebrated birthday

Mrs. J.M. Richardson of this city, celebrated her 91st birthday Tuesday at her home on Elm Street. Her son, J.W. Richardson of Owensboro, Ky., was her guest.

Mrs. Richardson is probably the oldest person in Rockport and is the second oldest person in the county, so far as is known. She is the widow of J.M. Richardson, who for many years was a prominent farmer of this county. He was the son of William B. Richardson, also well known in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had the pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary before his death.

She was born in Kentucky on a farm that adjoined the Lincoln farm and came to Rockport when about 24 years old. Prior to that time she had been a teacher in the Women's College at Brandenburg, Ky., under supervision of Professor Culley, who later taught here. She also was a successful teacher in the schools of Spencer County for several years, her first school being in Luce Township.

Mrs. Richardson resides with her daughter, Bertha Richardson, and in spite of her advanced age she is in good health and is interested in the affairs of the day. Her many friends in Rockport and other communities where she is so well known extend congratulations to her on this occasion.

Note: She died 1934, St. Bernard's Cemetery, Volume II.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 23, 1931.)

Death of Andrew Jackson

Andrew Jackson, one of Grass Township's best and oldest citizens, died very suddenly of Bright's disease last Thursday morning, March 9, at his home, 1/2 mile north of Bloomfield. He had been in poor health all winter, but was able at times to help do the little work about the farm. On the morning of his death, after assisting in doing some work, he went into the house and lay down to rest and read his paper. His wife hearing a noise in the room went quickly to his side and found that he had quietly passed away.

Mr. Jackson was 69 years old on the 25th of February last. He was united in marriage to Mary Meyer in 1859. Five children were born to them, one having died in infancy. The living are William, of the state of Washington, and John, Alva and Emma, who are still at home. Mr. Jackson was a kind husband, father and neighbor and a good citizen. He lived an honored upright life and his death causes great regret.

The funeral services were conducted at the M.E. Church in Bloomfield Friday afternoon by the Rev. S.J. Shake and the remains were laid to rest in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. A large concourse attended the last sad rites, showing the esteem in which the deceased was held by the entire community. His date of death was March 9, 1899.

(Taken from Carrye Tabelman's collection.)

Boy Scouts take hike

Eleven of Dale's Boy Scouts probably made the hike of the season last Thursday when Scouts Orval Smith, Kenneth Cooper, Carl Niehaus, Reed Brooner, Chester Brown, Gilmore Smith, Paul Brown, Trelby Musgrave and Gilbert Niehaus walked to Huntingburg. They started at 7 o'clock and arrived in Huntingburg at 10 o'clock, a distance of 10 miles in three hours.

The Scouts created must interest among the people as they marched through the streets of this city to the fairgrounds, where they ate their dinner. At 1 o'clock the homeward journey was begun. This trip was made in five hours. The extra time was due to stopping, (not for resting). At 5 o'clock 11 footsore and tired boys set foot in a familiar town.

By one with sore feet

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 8, 1916.)

Obituary

Mary Miller was born Nov. 2, 1824, died Jan. 10, 1892, age 67 years, 2 months and 8 days. She was united in marriage to William H. Robertson in 1846, who seven years ago, preceded her to the Spirit Land. She was converted and joined the M.E. Church, at the age of 13 years and lived a faithful Christian until her death.

During her illness she never murmurred nor complained, but quietly and peacefully fell asleep in her Saviour's arms and is now numbered with that innumerable host around God's throne. She leaves four daughters and one son to mourn her loss. D.S.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 15, 1892.)

Chrisney Sun News

Newtonville area:

Mrs. Nora Lemond spent last week in Indianapolis attending the Rebekah assembly and visiting relatives.

Mrs. Anna Hancock entertained the Post Noble Grand Club at her home Wednesday afternoon. The entertainment committee, Mrs. Minnie Sibrel and Miss Mary Lee Medcalf, furnished games and contests. The hostesses, Mrs. Hancock and Mrs. Daisy Snyder, served refreshments of sandwiches, fruit salad, cake and iced tea. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Dade Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wiseman and son, Jerry, of Evansville spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Stevens.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 25, 1939.)

Ellis wins his freedom from kidnappers

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Wins freedom

James C. Ellis, formerly of Rockport, and now millionaire oil operator and owner of Dade Park race track near Evansville, fought his way to freedom after an attempt was made to kidnap him, while he was enroute to his stock farm near Owensboro.

According to details of the story eminating from Owensboro, Ellis was driving alone in his automobile when the gas line ceased to function and his car stopped a short distance from his farm. A small car containing two men drove immediately to the side of the Ellis motor and stopped.

One of the men, with a revolver in his hand, stepped from the car and ordered Ellis to get out of his automobile and to get in the small car. The man with the revolver then went to the rear of the Ellis car and worked with the gas line, apparently knowing the trouble with the car. He got into the Ellis car while the driver of the small car, with Ellis seated at his side, started pushing the Ellis car. They had traveled probably 300 yards when Ellis landed several blows on the head and face of the driver and leaped from the car, and started running at the same time calling for help from men plowing in a nearby field. The man driving Ellis' car deserted it and returning to this own car, sped away.

It is the supposition that the men had turned air into the gas line of the Ellis car while it was parked in a garage the night before. Ellis notified the sheriff's office immediatley and the officers are stilling seeking the men.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 5, 1931.)

Called home early

Minnie M. Tuley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Tuley, died at their residence on North Church Street last Friday evening, Nov. 17, 1905, at eight o'clock, after a short illness of diptheria, aged nine years, five months and 17 days. The bereaved family has the sympathy of all in their sad affliction. May they be comforted by the thought that Minnie has joined the many gone before in the Summer Land, where the griefs and sorrows of earth are not known, and where she will be safe at home when the summons comes to them. The remains were buried at the Oak Hill Cemetery Saturday afternoon.

(Taken from Carrye Tabelman collection.)

Will contested

The case of Kate Bauman and her five sisters against their brother, John Bauman, to set aside the will of their father, was concluded yesterday, after a three-day trial, resulting in a verdict for plaintiffs, which brings to them a handsome victory, there being involved in the case of $35,000. The family of the testator consists of five daughters and one son, the last-named, by the terms of the will, being the only legatee. The plaintiffs, in their complaint, alleged unsoundness of mind of the testator at the time the will was made, which fact they fully established on trial.

The will stipulates that the testator's estate consisted only of real estate, while, in fact, he owned personal property to the amount of $10,000, and mainly on this point the will was broken. Three of the Bauman sisters reside in Evansville and the others in this county.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 8, 1895.)

Alice Elliott

Mrs. Alice Elliott, widow of the late Josephus Elliott, died of paralysis at her home on Medcalf Street at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. She was 66 years of age. Deceased leaves two children, Mrs. Walter McCallister of Eldorado, Ill., and Robert A. Elliott of Dale, also one brother, R.L. Hayden of Philpot, Ky. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon and the interment was at the Dale Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 15, 1918.)

The flood

The worst flood of the Ohio Valley ever known to white men is now subsiding and folks are thinking of recovering what little they can from the great damage wrought. When the river first climbed over its bank no one was alarmed as very few had ideas of greater than the 1884 levels but when heavy rains continued and crest stages reported up-river our citizens began to wonder where the crest would register.

Families and others prepared for better than '84 levels and then could get no higher and might as well not scaffolded at all. Some families left town Thursday the 21st and others Friday and by night the roads were covered, and Saturday the first boat load of refugees from the Titus home to Rockport and Monday another load was taken with the motorboat and barge tied up at the traction station.

Since Sunday martial law has ruled and nearly every family required to leave town. However, there are some dry spots in West Grandview. Postmaster Orville Martin, William and Bert Bunner, John and Hollis Haines, Joe and Ray Painter, Fred Sauter, Casper Dawson, Dean Waitman and others are guarding property.

Traction schedules were abandoned the afternoon of the 21st and the telephone exchange was abandoned the next afternoon. Mail service was resumed after routing through Chrisney and Rockport and first class mail only sent in.

(Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 4, 1937.)

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

'Son-of-a-gun' husband gets divorce

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written)

Divorce seeking husband

A Spencer County husband seeks a divorce, alleging that his wife called him a son-of-a-gun, says she don't love him anymore and "wished he would drown in the river." The couple were married on June 11, 1916 and July 31, 1916, the matrimonial combine busted.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Aug. 18, 1916.)

The Grim Reaper

Elizabeth S. Cowell, born in Virginia, Dec. 15, 1833, died Nov. 3, 1917, aged 84 years, 11 months and 15 days. She was united in marriage to H.S. Huffman Aug. 7, 1862; to this union was born one child, Adam. She has besides her son four grandchildren living, three dead, and one living sister, Aunt Jennie Shoptaugh. Her husband preceded her to a better land 14 years ago.

She united with the U.B. Church in early life and remained faithful to her God and church until He called her home. She was a kind, indulgent mother, a loving wife and her kind and cheerful disposition was always an inviting characteristic as the rays of the morning sun drives the dewdrops from off the rose, so did her cheerfulness banish sorrow and gloom from her presence. Her goodness and her virtue was to be noted in her contribution to her church, her country and society. She gave of her means, her talent and her strength that society might be bettered and her Christ exalted and glorified.

She shed forth an influence as lasting as time and eternity, which will last when the sun ceases to shine, the moon is turned to blood and all the nations of the earth gone hence.

So let us remember that we live not to ourselves alone but for the benefit of others. Some day we will meet Grandma Huffman, for she is not dead but sleepeth. H.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping.)

A brilliant wedding

The marriage of Louis L. Ray and Miss Vio La Roy Kercheval was solemnized at the M.E. Church Thursday afternoon at half past two o'clock. The church was filled with relatives, friends and invited guests. The altar was most beautifully decorated with pot and cut flowers tastefully arranged. Miss Kate Bullock presided at the organ. Promptly at the appointed hour the organ sent forth the strains of Mendelson's wedding march and the young couple proceeded down the aisle to the altar.

Messrs. Grant Mason, Buck Taylor, Taylor Basye and John E. Taylor as ushers. At the altar the Rev. H.C. Clippinger, pastor of the church, met them and pronounced the full ritual of the M.E. Church, making a most beautiful and impressive ceremony. At the close an informal reception and light lunch was enjoyed at the home of Hon. S.E. Kercheval and wife, after which the young couple took the 6:10 train for St. Louis.

Mr. Ray is a very pleasant gentleman, of good business habits and excellent character. He has a permanent position on one of the Anchor Line steamboats that run between St. Louis and New Orleans.

The bride was born and raised in Rockport. She is the eldest daughter of Hon. S.E. Kercheval and wife and has a wide circle of friends, who will learn with pleasure of this happy event of her life. She is a graduate of our high school and has many qualities of both head and heart to enable her to make a splendid wife and noble woman. The bride looked lovely in her elegant bridal costume of pure white. Her dress was a most beautiful one of white silk with handsome and appropriate trimmings.

The groom was dressed in the conventional black dress suit and together at the marriage altar they presented a brilliant and charming appearance. The day was a perfect one and everything transpired to add to the pleasure and happiness of this auspicious event.

The presents were numerous, elegant and varied, and were such as will be of service to the young people in future life. They will not begin housekeeping yet for several months. May peace, joy, long life and prosperity attend them, is the wish of their many friends here, in which *The Journal* most heartily joins.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 10, 1890.)

Death of Mrs. Wm Stilwell

Mrs. William Stilwell, who has been lying sick so long, was relieved of her sufferings at 3 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon by death. At no time during her long illness was there any strong hope for her recovery, as she was quite old and of enfeebled constitution, yet all that tender care and medical skill could suggest was employed to save her.

She leaves an aged companion and a large number of children to mourn her death.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock Thursday, Rev. W.P. Wallace preacing the funeral discourse at the M.E. Church. The remains were then borne to Dale Cemetery for interment. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all in their great loss.

Dale Reporter News

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 11, 1891.)

Placed on pension roll

Calvin Rasor, living about five miles northwest of the city, has been placed on the pension rolls by a special act of congress. He was not regularly enlisted in the Union Army, but claims his disability was incurred in the battle of Panther Creek near Owensboro, Ky., while a member of the Home Guard.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 21, 1890.)

Query

Donna Betzner of 6983 W. 200S, New Palestine, IN, 46163, is researching the Bosler, Basler, Bossler family name. Does anyone have information on this family or know anytime about a "Bosler Hill" located near Rockport?

Soldier update

Jack Kemper, Carter Township, Dale Cemetery; Joeb Siddons, Ohio Township, St. Bernard's Cemetery; Pliny Ludwig, Clay Township, Little Pigeon Cemetery.

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Death of 28-year-old soldier reported

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Death of soldier boy

Mr. and Mrs. John Long of this city received the sad news of the death of their son, Charles, a member of Troop M U.S. Calvary, last Tuesday. Capt. A.W. Fuller, commander of his company, wrote them a letter stating that Charles died at Howell Barracks, Caballo, Cuba, where the troop is located, Nov. 25, of peritonitis and internal hermorrage of the bowels following rupture of the intestine caused by falling from a horse. Everything possible was done to save his life, but the injury proved fatal nevertheless.

He was buried at 2 p.m., on Nov. 26, with usual military honors in cemetery about one-half mile from the military post, his grave being number 4. Charles was a veteran of "Uncle Sam's" service, having served one term and re-enlisted for another about two years ago.

He was trustworthy and brave and made an excellent soldier. He was about 28 years of age, and had been on duty in Cuba since the close of the war with Spain. He was at home on a furlough about two years ago. Mr. Long will arrange at once to bring the remains home for burial.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 6, 1901.)

Sarah Ellen Thurman

Sarah Ellen Gilson was born Aug. 7, 1846, and died Jan. 13, 1922, aged 75 years, 5 months and 6 days. On March 23, 1875, she was united in marriage to Floyd Thurman; to this union there was born seven children, three of whom preceded the mother to the Great Beyond, having died in infancy.

She leaves surviving, her husband and four children, O.P.M. Thurman of Rockprt, William G., George S. and Mrs. Olive Mosby, all of Grandview, Ind., and eight grandchildren, many other relatives and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Early in life she united with the Baptist church of Grandview, and was one of the members of this organization prior to the construction of the present church which was erected in 1870.

She was always kind and considerate of, and most generous to those about her, constant and loyal in her devotion to her church, family and friends, and always contributed her full share in the affairs of life, and in her passing, the community and society loses one of its most typical examples of real American womanhood.

Note: Buried in Grandview Cemetery, Volume I.

Oil near old cemetery

Mrs. Rachel Hicks says that over 50 years ago, in boring for oil on her father's land, in the hollow near the old Rockport Cemetery, the drill went through a vein of good coal four or five feet thick at a depth of 80 feet. At that time it was not thought worth opening up, but would certainly pay well now. She says a cedar plug was driven into the hole and might yet be found. It should be investigated.

Note: If this was drilled, were the tombstones destroyed at that time? This cemetery is virtually gone.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 13, 1901.)

Died in Colorado

Mrs. Earl Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ellis, who has been living in Colorado, died in that state the first of the week and the remains were brought to Dale Wednesday for interment.

The funeral occurred at Garrison Chapel yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married near Dale about one year ago and then located in Colorado.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, May 17, 1918.)

Wax letter head

The Wallace Mill Company has placed an order through the *Reporter* for a high class letter head cut of the wax process engraving, which will show their "Purity" and "Aurora" flour sacks in color and their letterhead in beautiful engraved effect.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Oct. 23, 1914.)

Keeps old corner cabinet

Roscoe Isaac was well pleased with the returns from the sale held Monday and *The Monitor* advertising. He took with him to Illinois yesterday an old corner cupboard made by his great-grandfather, Jesse Isaac, in the days when this was known as the Indiana Territory.

It is made of whip-sawed walnut and poplar and he has even the planes used to dress the lumber. It has been handed down to the eldest son for four generations. Mr. Isaac claims it was made near the present town of Dale. The Isaac and Chinn families are said to have come to the Indiana Territory about 1808.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, April 16, 1936.)

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September 22, 1988

Body of old soldier found at side of railroad near Gentryville

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Mystery

The Body of an Old Soldier Found at Side of Railroad Track near Gentryville.

Foul Play Suspected

On last Monday morning as Walter Smith was walking down the railroad from Gentryville toward Pigeon he found the dead body of William J. Oskins lying within about four feet of the railroad track, a short distance from Gentryville.

Oskins kept a small store at Pigeon, and on Saturday he took some poultry and other produce to Boonville, returning on the evening train. But when the train arrived at Pigeon, Oskins paid the conductor 15 cents to take him on to Lincoln City, where he said he wanted to transact some business.

He returned on the night train, but as it did not stop at Pigeon, he got off at Gentryville to walk home, and that was the last seen of him alive.

It is said that his body was not bruised, showing that he was not struck by the train, and the cause of his death is unknown.

He was a Union soldier, serving in company "D' 65th IND Vols., and leaves a large family. Later information is that foul play is suspected, as Oskins body was found lying on the snow which fell on Sunday, and his whereabouts from Saturday night until after the snow fell on Sunday has not been accounted for.

Another suspicious circumstance: Tracks of two persons were found in the ditch at the side of the railroad track coming up from Buckhorn Creek, a half of a quarter of a mile away, to where the body was found, and then on up following a ravine to the public road near town.

It is believed by many that he was drugged for the purpose of getting his money, and he died from its effects, unexpectedly to those who administered it, and his body was carried to that place Sunday night to get rid of it.

It is thought by some that the body was first thrown into Buckhorn Creek, but afterwards taken out and carried up the railroad and left where it was found. It is said to be evident to those who saw the body that it was placed there after death.

There is said to be considerable excitement over the matter at Gentryville and that vicinity, and the case will likely be thoroughly investigated. Oskins had $40 or $50 when he left Boonville, but only two cents in money (coppers) was found on his body, and robbery is strongly suspected. No clue to the guilty parties.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 9, 1898.)

Fifty-Year-Old Newspaper

The Grandview Monitor was 50 years of age last week. It celebrated the event by printing a reproduction of one of the pages of the first issue, published by Tinsley and Stoops. *The Monitor* is one of our best exchanges and deserving of many good things.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, March 14, 1919.)

1850 Mortality List

Hammond Township

David Wikerman (Kerman?), 2m, IN, June, croup, 8hr; Joshua Shaw, 1 mo., IN, Feb., croup, 6da; Wm AH Hurst, 33m, IN, Apr., pneumonia, 5da; Mary Johnson, 70f, NY, Mar., chill, 2da; Nancy Thing, 66f, NH, Jul., Diar, 2 wks; Nancy M. Tuley, 19F, IN, May, typhus, 6wks, Wm Clements, 70m, SC, Dec., pneumonia, 4da; Nancy Tharp, 43f?, Ky?, Dec. pneumonia, 2mo; Perlina Tharp, 16f, IN, Nov., chol., 8hrs.

Irena Woodward dies

Mrs. Irena Woodward, wife of Harry Woodward, died at their home three miles south of her last Monday morning, Nov. 22, 1897, of typhoid fever after a short illness. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Price, of near Newtonville, and was born Sept. 7th, 1877, being a few months over 20 years old.

She was united with the M.E. church in the year 1894 at Collins Chapel and Nov. 10th, 1895, was united in marriage to Harry A. Woodward. There is left to mourn and deplore her absence a husband, one child, mother and father, one sister and five brothers.

She was a devoted wife and a faithful Christian. Her remains were buried at the Collins Chapel Cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping from Carrye Tabelman.)

Mt. Olive news

John A. McCoy to Mary Lytton, Thursday, Feb. 14, 1895. The groom is a prosperous farmer and the bride is the daughter of Daniel Hesson, also a prosperous father. May they have a pleasant journey through life, is the wish of your scribbler.

Uncle John Tuley is on the sick list this week.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 22, 1895.)

Query

Grady Ebelhar of 8136 W. 5th St. Rd., Owensboro, Ky. 43201 is looking for information on Simon Uebelhar (Ebelhar) and his father, Christian, 1813-1886. Lived in Dale-Mariah area and operated a saloon in Dale. Would like photos of either or both men and also the saloon.

Grady is also researching Johann Weber, 1818-1897, came from Germany ca 1866 and settled near Chrisney. Photos and information on him and his son, Herman, 1864-1911 would be appreciated. Will trade information and/or pay for costs of photos and copies.

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St. John's

Clay City church celebrates 115th anniversary June 15

St. John's United Church of Christ in Clay City will celebrate its 115th anniversary with a special service Sunday, June 15, at 3 p.m.

The Kimball chapel organ and refinished pews will be dedicated by Rev. Don Buckthal of the Indiana-Kentucky conference staff. David Griepenstroh will be the master of ceremonies. Organists will be Mary Alice Nebold, Helen Kennedy, Eleanor Cochenour, Katherine Roos, Catherine Painter, Diana Ferguson and Anna Kennedy.

German immigrants coming in through Cincinnati bought farms in the Santa Claus-Lamar area from 1840 to 1860 and settled down to raise their families.

In 1853 they built a log cabin church at Santa Fe (Santa Claus) known as St. Paul's United Church of Christ. By 1865, the center of the parish had moved south to Clay City and St. John's Church was established. The members completed the parsonage and hired Rev. John Jacob Bodner direct from the seminary in Basel, Switzerland.

Services were held in the school building until the church was finished in 1866.

Rev. Glenn E. Davis, of Chrisney, is the pastor at St. John's.

Others serving the church are:

Eloise Webb, Betty Frey, Norma Painter, Mary Jane Griepenstroh and Katherine Roos, on the alter committee.

Michael Roos, Sunday school superintendent, replacing Evelyn Hoops, who is retiring after many years in that position.

Mary Ferguson, director of the youth choir, and Catherine Painter, accompanist.

Church board officers, Joe Ferguson, president; David Griepenstroh, vice president; Mary Ferguson, secretary, and Karen Pennington, treasurer.

William Schroeder, Durbin Schmitt and Claude Frey, cemetery committee.

Delbert Schriefer, Marjorie Schroeder and Blanche Reed, parsonage committee.

Darrell Pennington, Ray Schroeder, Chuck Painter, Norma Painter, Kathy Griepenstroh and Mike Roos, building and grounds committee.

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Dr. N.L. Daniel almost killed by a thunderbolt

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Struck by lightning

Dr. N.L. Daniel was almost killed by a thunderbolt. During the thunder storm Monday morning lightning struck a part of the porch of the residence of Capt. William Jones in this place, which came near resulting in the instant death of Dr. N.L. Daniel, who was sitting in a chair on the porch and leaning against the post. Tied around the post above his head was a metal clothes line, which conducted the lightning to a plum tree a few feet distant and to which the other end of the clothes line was attached, or he would undoubtedly have been killed instantly.

A spark from the bolt did strike him, however, and he was knocked from his chair to the floor apparently dead. He was picked up immediately by Mr. Jones, who began to work to restore him. He was unconscious and his body was perfectly rigid, but by the prompt and vigorous efforts of those around him his organs of respiration soon began to act, and in an hour he was able to sit up.

Before noon he walked out of town. The spark struck him on the head and passed down the body and left leg to the knee. His hair was slightly burned by the spark and a red stripe two inches wide extending from head to knee very plainly marked its course down the body. It was a close call indeed, and according to our theory the wire above his head was all that saved him.

Others present were shocked but soon recovered and were able to render assistance. Several other persons in town were shocked by the same stroke, among them being Misses Florence Rice and Ella Theole, at their respective homes a quarter of a mile distant.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Sept. 20, 1895.)

Death of Conrad Vogel

Conrad Vogel was born in Augsburg, Germany, July 18, 1838, and died at the National Military Home, Danville, Ill., on March 9, 1923, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 21 days.

He emigated to this country when quite young. He served as a veteran of the Civil War being a private in Company A 42nd Indiana Infantry. After the war he located in the South, later coming to Rockport, Indiana where he has since resided. He was married to Mrs. Anna Kroeger in Rockport, in the year 1877.

He was united with the St. John's Church in Augsburg, Germany, at the age of 13 years, and continued in that faith up to the time of his decease.

Six years ago he became a member of the National Military Home at Danville, Ill., and remained there until his death. His wife preceded him in death on the 27th day of July 1901. He leaves surviving a daughter, Mrs. Mary Hamilton, of Seattle, Wash., a son, George Vogel of Burley, Idaho, also two stepdaughters, Miss Carrie Kroeger and Mrs. Amelia Mohr of this city, and several grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Services were conducted at Mayhall's Chapel Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. under the auspices of the GAR, the Rev. Diehl officiating. Burial at Sunset Hill.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 16, 1923.)

Soldiers buried in Spencer County, IN Update from Memorial Day

Russell, Walter Nellon, Sunset Hill, Ohio Township; Snyder, Arthur E., St. Martin's, Grass Township; Jochim, Oliver, Dale, Carter Township. Reported but not buried in Spencer County, IN: Shrode, Herbert E., buried in California.

Divorce

Marie S. McDonald was granted a divorce from Sherley McDonald and given care and custody of their daughter, Reva, and the defendant given care and custody of their son, Sherwood, and the plaintiffs name of Marie S. Seneff was restored. The defendant is to pay the clerk of this court the sum of $7.00 per month, for support of his said daughter.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 23, 1917.)

Grandview News

Misses Daisy and Gertrude Pinkston and Alvin Pinkston and Ben Hagan, of Lincoln City, and Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Robinson were the dinner guests of Mrs. Eliza Roberts Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Varner and daughter, Mary Katherine, and Mr and Mrs. Virgil Varner, of Prairieview, Ill., are the guests of relatives, Mrs. Ida Freeman and Fred Sibrel. A family reunion is being held today at the home of Mrs. Anna Purviance at which Mr. and Mrs. Hooper Purviance and daughter, Lillian, and Grandma Jones, of Richland, are numbered with the guests.

Leonard Mosby, of Charleston, W.Va., writes a fine, complimentary letter along with a renewal for *The Monitor*.

Several of our citizens attended the funeral of Mrs. Mahala Ensor, age 78, at Richland, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitehouse and children, who were called here by the illness of his mother, Mrs. Jennie Whitehouse, returned to their home, at Lincoln, Ill., Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Kinney, of Rockport, was the guest of Mrs. Madeline Kinney Tuesday.

(Taken from The Monitor, Oct. 22, 1936.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 13, 1988

Society seeks nominations for Historian of the Yea

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Notice

"Be it resolved that the Spencer County Historical Society recognize each year a person or an organization which has contributed the most, in the view of the society, toward preserving the history of the county, or whose efforts in the present or past have made the history of the county richer."

This will be an annual reception with recipient receiving a plaque and lifetime membership. Candidate names must be received at monthly meetings between Aug. 1 and Dec. 31. It is suggested, but not necessary, when making a nomination for Historian of the Year, a written statement of accomplishments be included.

Meeting nights are the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Rockport Library on Walnut Street.

Obituary

This subject of this notice was born in Daviess County, Ky., on the 13th day of December, 1826, emigrated with his father to Spencer County, IN, about the 1st of December, 1837, where he resided until his death, 8th day of April, 1868, of pulmonary consumption.

Brother Medcalf made a profession of faith and joined the Cumberland, Presbyterian Church of Dale, when about 19 years of age, in which he lived a pious consistent member until his death. Brother Medcalf served one year in the War with Mexico, during which time he maintained his integrity, not taking up with any of the vices and follies so common to life.

After his return, he was married to Miss Amanda Wood, who had made a profession of religion, and joined the church at the same time that he did and with whom he lived until death.

Brother Medcalf also served his country in the Civil War. Three years before his death, he was attached with the fatal disease, known as consumption. During his last years he lost his voice, so that he could hardly speak, above a whisper, yet he bore all his afflictions with Christian patience and fortitude, looking forward to the time when his suffering should end, and he, be at home with Christ his Saviour, where sickness and sorrow are felt and feared no more.

When Brother Medcalf became unable to attend the House of God, he would request his friends when visiting him, to sing and pray with him and although he could not sing a word, he would get happy and praise God in a whisper. He died as he had lived, a pious and humble Christian in the full triumph of faith.

He left a wife and four children,- Sarah, Mizella, William Walker and George Edward. Also a large coexion of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, but their loss is his eternal gain.

Signed Allen Medcalf Sr.,
Dale, IN.
May 29, 1868

This obituary was sent in by a member and supposedly taken from a Dale newspaper. Does anyone have knowledge of a newspaper from the 1868 time period? Please call 362-8256 or 362-7268 if there was a newspaper prior to the *Dale Weekly Reporter* 1885.

Fatal accident

One of the saddest accidents that has occurred here for a long while happened Monday evening in which Henry Musgrave, one of our citizens, was killed almost instantly. There was quite a number of men at the home of Henry Medcalf, one-half mile below town, helping him raise a new barn. They had raised a portion of it and in some way a beam of the barn became loose and fell, striking Mr. Musgrave on the head and breast, fatally wounding him. Physicians were immediately summoned but he lived but a short time. He was conscious until he died and was able to speak.

Mr. Musgrave was an old soldier and was known and liked by everyone. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J.A. Richardson at the residence of the deceased at 1 o'clock Tuesday after which the remains were laid to rest in the Dale Cemetery.

The deceased leaves a mother, a companion, and a son and daughter to mourn his death. They have the sympathy of all.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 27, 1896.)

Birthday of an old resident

Mrs. J.M. Richardson of this city, celebrate her 91st birthday Tuesday at her home on Elm Street. Her son, J.W. Richardson of Owensboro, Ky., was her guest. Mrs. Richardson is probably the oldest person in Rockport and is the second oldest person in the county, so far as is known.

She is the widow of J.M. Richardson, who for many years was a prominent farmer of this county. He was the son of William B. Richardson, also well known in this community. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson had the pleasure of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary before his death.

She was born in Kentucky on a farm that adjoined the Lincoln farm and came to Rockport when about 24 years old. Prior to that she had been a teacher in the Women's College at Brandenburg, Ky., under supervision of Prof. Culley, who later taught here. She was also a successful teacher in the schools of Spencer County for several years, her first school being in Luce Township. Mrs. Richardson resides with her daughter, Miss Bertha Richardson, and in spite of her advanced age she is in good health and is interested in the affairs of the day. Her many friends in Roc ort and other communities where s is well known extend congratulatio to her on this occasion.

(Taken from Rockport Dem at, Jan. 23, 1931.)

Query

Ella Block of 1228 149th Pl E., Bellevue, Wa. 98007, would li to hear from anyone workin on genealogy of James C. Small/Rebecca Cain or Jam C. Small/Margaret Carter on any his brothers or sisters from Sp cer County, Indiana, to co re information and learn a little m e.

Darla Davis of 1 Warbler ne, Hilton Head Island, S.C. 29926, ds information on the follo ng families, early settlers in Sp cer County: Vogel, Nohse(y), K er, Hoffman and Schertzer.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 20, 1988

IUPUI Program creates pilot study

(Editor's note: This column is ompiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old ewspapers and clippings. The nformation is presented in the same orm it was originally written.)

Notice of public interest

Through an internship in the ublic History Program at IUPUI, a ilot study to help create a statewide reservation plan for historic sites nd structures. The study will focus n structures having to do with the uying and selling of goods, rimarily retail stores, but also warehouses and such.

The study encompasses the "Beinnings" (fur trading in the 1700s) hrough 1940, so they would be nterested in any sites or structures ertaining to commerce that fall ithin those broad timelines, and ave a degree of architectural integrity. Please send any information to he Spencer County Historical Society, /o Rockport Library, Rockport, IN, 7635.

Civil War vet joins comrades

Calvin Harrison, aged 91, and one of Rockport's Civil War veterans, joined his fallen comrades in death at 5:30 a.m. last Thursday, leaving but four faithful members of the GAR living in the city and but 11 in the entire county. The aged veteran served his country four years, four months and 17 days, in Company One 39th Kentucky Calvary.

When M Morgan's raiders invaded the Union soldiers in a fort at Mt. Sterling, Ky., the flag bearer was shot down, it was Calvin Harrison, a young sergeant of general scouts, who, amid a rain of bullets, rode forward and snatched up the flag, bearing it to safety, though a bullet buried itself in his leg as he did the brave deed. That flag, mutilated by 36 bullet holes and its staff splintered from five shots, now occupies a place of honor in Washington, D.C.

The funeral services for the hero of the '60s were conducted Friday afternoon at the M.E. church, with the Rev. I.S. McIver in charge. The American Legion unit paid tribute to the soldier at his grave at Sunset Hill. Col. J.S. Wright, also a Civil War veteran made a short talk. The following obituary was read at the funeral:

Calvin, Harrison, a son of Edmond and Sarah Harrison, was born in McDowell County, West Virginia, June 4, 1842. He died at his home in Rockport, Ind., on July 20, 1933.

Mr. Harrison grew to young manhood in the county of his birth and on Dec. 17, 1862, enlisted as a private in Company One, of the 39th Kentucky Regiment of the Union Army in the war between the states. He continues in this service until the end of the war and was discharged Dec. 23, 1865. In 1887, he removed with his family to Spencer County, Ind., and continuously thereafter until his death lived in or near the city of Rockport. He was the last survivor of the family of five children, all of his brothers and sisters having preceded him in death.

"Uncle Cal," as he was familiarly known, lived a long and useful life, largely spent in Spencer County. Always kind and generous, he endeared himself to the many people with whom he came in contact. Of his immediate family, his widow, Arminta Harrison, four sons and one daughter, 13 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren survive.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 28, 1933.)

Soldier update

Thomas E. Gunn, Mt. Zion, Luce Township; Gilbert Heady, Dale, Carter Township; Hubert Gogel, Mary Help of Christian, Carter Township; Paul Ayer, Grandview, Hammond Township.

Jacob Miller dies

Jacob M. Miller, war veteran, passed away at the home of his daughter in Frankfort, Ill., where he had made his home for the last few weeks. He was known as "Uncle Jake Miller."

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the Rev. E.M. McCoy who was assisted by Emma Himmelheber at the cemetery. Jenkins Post, American Legion, took charge at Fairview Cemetery.

Jacob M. Miller was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, on March 15, 1839, and died April 1, 1929 at the age of 90 years and 16 days at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George Lindsey of W. Frankfort, Ill., where he resided. Mr. Miller, a Civil War veteran, was married to Miss Caroline Kinney in the year of 1865 at the close of the war, who died Dec. 25, 1891. To this union five children were born. One daughter, Mary Bell Miller who died Aug. 21, 1893. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Alice Beasley of Chrisney and Mrs. J.H. Hawkins of Chicago, Ill., and two sons, Charles of Chrisney and James of Illinois. One sister, Mary Ann Freshley.

In 1893, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Mary E. Bennett and to this union there was two children born, John W. Miller and Mrs. George (Carrie) Lindsey of W. Frankfort, Ill. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren.

(Taken from a 1929 clipping.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 27, 1988

Richland man dies from falling out of hayloft

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Falls from hayloft

Walter Hayford, 56, of Richland, was instantly killed Monday night when he fell from the hayloft of his barn as he was trying to close the door of a hay chute to keep out the rain. He evidently fell upon his head as it was crushed into his chest and the collar bone was broken.

He is survived by the widow, two brothers, a sister, two daughters and one son.

(Taken from The Monitor, Aug. 20, 1931.)

Innocent man hanged

Jesse Jones, formerly of this county, who was hung in Arkansas Nov. 15, 1895, on the charge of murdering the two Hibdon boys, is innocent. One of the Hibdon boys was found in territorial prison a few days ago.

Jones was hung on circumstantial evidence and but very few people thought him guilty.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 23, 1897.)

Obituary

Anna Matilda Schaus (Nee) Vortman, born at Santa Claus, Ind., Oct. 10, 1886, died April 24, 1926 at the age of 39 years, 6 months and 14 days.

On April 1, 1918, she was married to Clarence Schaus. To this union four children were born, three girls and one boy. The Angel of Death never visited her home until it claimed her spirit and her infant daughter, Ferneda Thresia, who was born March 9, 1926 and died April 24, 1926 just three hours after her mother passed away.

She was a loyal Sunday school scholar and joined the church in July 1901 under the pastorate of the Rev. J.E. Braun.

She was a devoted companion and a loving mother. She gave her whole time and her life to the care of her home and loved ones.

She leaves her husband and three children, Ruth, Margaret, Anna Louise and Orville Clarence; three sisters, Miss Katie of Santa Claus, Mrs. Clinton Bouille and Mrs. George Roeling of Tell City; two brothers, Edward and John of Santa Claus, and many other relatives and friends.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 30, 1926.)

Truant officer reports

The Rev. R.A. Stevens, truant officer of district No. 2, reports a total of 1,493 children between the ages of 8 and 14 years in the five townships under his supervision, as follows: Hammond 390; Carter 354; Harrison 282; Huff 268; Clay 198. The three incorporated towns in the district show the following enumeration from 8 to 14 years: Dale 240; Grandview 119; St. Meinrad 85. Total number of schools in the district, 77.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Oct. 1897.)

Hail Storm

The severest hail storm that has been known for years passed through this neighborhood on the 3rd inst. Some of the hail stones were nearly as large as a hen's egg. We have not heard of any great damage that was done.

(Taken from The Herald, May 10, 1844.)

Accident almost fatal

An accident that came near proving fatal occurred last Wednesday evening. Mr. Isham Thurman and wife were visiting friends, and on their way home the back strap of the buggy harness gave way on the hillside near town, letting the buggy run against the horse, which took fright and ran some distance. The buggy was turned over, throwing Mr. and Mrs. Thurman out, hurting both considerably.

At first it was feared that Mrs. Thurman would not recover, but she is improving slowly, and hopes are entertained that she is not so seriously injured as was at first supposed. Dr. Smith was called on and rendered all assistance possible. (Chrisney item).

(Taken from Rockport Sentinel, July 25, 1883.)

Query

Radine (Brenton) Weedon of 147 Linda Lane, Campbellsville, Ky. 42718, is interested in information about Esquire and Susannah (Cotton) Heady of Spencer County, IN. She will trade information and answer all letters.

Snyder-Goepfrich

Mr. John W. Snyder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snyder Sr., who live four miles west of Chrisney, and Miss Augusta Goepfrich, daughter of Joseph Goepfrich, of Dale, were married at the Catholic church at Dale Tuesday morning, Sept. 20, 1910, the Rev. P.J. Schneider of Chrisney, officiating. Both are highly respected young people. The *Sun* extends congratulations and best wishes.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Sept. 22, 1910.)

100 years ago (1797)

The church collection was taken in a bag at the end of a pole with a bell attached to arouse sleepy contributors.

Imprisonment for debt was a common practice.

Virginia contained a fifth of the whole population of the county.

Quinine was unknown. When a man had ague fits he took peruvian bark and whiskey.

There was not a public library in the United States.

Six days were required for a journey between New York and Boston.

When a Virginian started on a journey to New York he made his will and bade farewell to his friends as though he never expected to see them again.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 21, 1897.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Telephones ready for operation in 1897

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Telephones

The wires were strung on the telephone line this week. The "Hello" box will be placed in the drug store of J.W. Ladd to day and then we will have connection with all long distance lines. It will be very convenient. The rate will be 25 cents for a five-minute talk for each 50 miles.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 15, 1897.)

Mr. Stone visits Petersburg

Last week Jerome B. Stone of Dale visited Dr. T.R. Rice and Mrs. Dr. W.H. Link, his grandchildren, at this place. (Petersburg).

Mr. Stone was born in the state of Ohio in the year 1807, Aug. 14, making him at this time over 90 years of age. When he was 12 years old he came with his family to this state, reaching Newburgh in 1819. In 1827 he was married to Rowena Wilder. This union was blessed with 12 children--eight boys and four girls of whom four boys and two girls are living.

He was married a second time in 1878 to Agnes Spradley who died in 1881. During his early life Grandpa Stone as he is familiarly called, farmed during the summer season and during the winter time worked at the cobbler's trade. Although a hard worker he never accumulated a great fortune. He never took much interest in hunting although the woods were alive with wolves, deer, turkey and squirrels.

He visited Petersburg 58 years ago. At that time the little village was surrounded with apparently interminable forests. There were but four houses on the road between Petersburg and Winslow. Mr. Stone is a consistent member of the U.B. church.

In politics he prefers to be called a black Republican. He has been a continuous chewer of tobacco since 1816. He drank his first cup of coffee on his 19th birthday.

His memory is somewhat defective but his limbs are as agile as those of most men at 40. He is extremely intelligent and says that the one aim of his life is not to grow old. Mr. Stone was a most welcome caller at the *Press* office and he has our wish for a tenure of life sufficient to make him a centenarian. *Petersburg Press.*

Note: Died 1899, buried in Dale Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 12, 1897.)

Fannie Haines buried at Richland

Mrs. Fannie Haines, wife of John C. Haines, died at their home in Richland City, Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. after an illness of a number of years, aged 60 years, three months and 24 days.

Funeral services will be conducted this afternoon at two o'clock at the M.E. Church at Richland by the Revs. S.O. Dorsey and J.T. Jacobs. The interment will be at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

(Taken fram The Chrisney Sun, April 21, 1910.)

Fifty-six years in business

James T. Williams, our barber, completed the full term of 56 years as a barber in Grandview yesterday. Not one of his first day's customers are now living.

Through many trials and gloomy days as well as bright and prosperous ones he has worked at his trade and witnessed the coming and going of various other persons and firms in the business lines.

He is still active, but says he thinks it is time for him to retire and he may do so if opportunity permits. It is a record of which he may be proud.

(Taken from The Monitor, April 9, 1936.)

Death of two children

Nancy Samanthe Ann Medcalf died in Elizabeth (Dale), Spencer County, Ind., Jan. 25, 1862, of Flux. Nancy Samanthe Ann, infant daughter of Allen and Amanda Medcalf, age one year, 10 months and four days. Little Samanthe, was a child much loved by her parents, little brothers and sisters, and was admired by all who knew her, but He who loved her here on earth, has taken her to dwell with the Holy Angels, where sorrow and death never enter. Signed J.A.M.

Cyrus A.B. Medcalf died after a lingering illness of seven weeks, Cyrus A.B. Medcalf, infant son of Allen and Amanda Medcalf, born April 17, 1864, died July 13, 1866, age 2 years, 2 months and 29 days.

Oh death, what hast thou done? Life's feeble thread is broken, causing many hearts to ache and eyes to weep. But thank God through Christ, thou canst not break the bonds of love, that bound our Child to our hearts.

Written by J.A. McMahon, Dale, Ind., July 28, 1864.

(Clippings of unknown origin.)

Death of the mother

Amanda Wood Medcalf, was born in Spencer County, Ind., Sept. 10, 1830. She was married to Allen Medcalf Sept. 14, 1848, and to this union was born 10 children, only three of whom are now living.

Mizella Jane of Newalla, Okla., William Medcalf of Yakima, Wash., and George E. Medcalf of Celinda, Texas, with whom she had made her home since coming to Texas from Spencer County, Ind., in 1882.

She died Feb. 11, 1914, at Celina, Texas. She has been a widow for 46 years, and has been a member of the Presbyterian Church since 1946. She was a true and faithful Christian and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves 24 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She was laid to rest in Cottage Hill Cemetery, five miles east of Celida, Texas.

(Taken from clipping sent in by Norma Craig, Ada, Okla.)

Flower garden

Lovers of flowers should visit Louis Schoenfeld's flower garden on South Sixth Street. Mr. Schoenfeld has a variety of flowers and cultivates them for the pleasure he gets out of it and the pleasure it gives his friends to receive a nice bouquet when they visit him. He cultivates his flowers during his recreation hours.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 3, 1924.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Brooners celebrate 60th anniversary

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Marriage anniversary

On Dec. 28, 1897, 70 of the friends and relatives of the Rev. Allen Brooner and wife, met at their home one mile east of Dale, Ind., to celebrate the 60th anniversary of thier marriage.

Father Brooner is in his 84th year and mother Brooner is in her 77th year. He was one of the early pioneer preachers and is the oldest minister of the Southern Indiana Conference. He was licensed to preach in 1842 and joined the annual conference in 1849. He was a playmate of Abe Lincoln in their early boyhood at Lincoln City, Ind. He related the following to the writer, which may be of some interest:

"At the time of Grandma Brooner's sickness, Lincoln's mother visited her. At last Grandma told her she was going to die. Mrs. Lincoln said don't talk that way for I may die before you. Sure enough she died two weeks before. They lay beside each other inside the same railing at Lincoln City, Ind. Father Brooner visited Lincoln while he kept post office in Illinois. A woman bought some postage stamps and after she had gone Lincoln discovered that she had give him five cents too much. Early next morning he walked over two miles to give back the five cents."

We would not forget to mention that father, J.B. Stone, was present. He is in his 91st year and is as spry as he was at 30.

All present enjoyed themselves and were delighted to see father and mother Brooner so cheerful and hopeful of the bright future. May their pathway up to Glory be one of praise and delight, is the prayer of all. H.W.L.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 31, 1897.)

Install motors

The Chrisney Planing Mill, owned and operated by J. Fred Bergman, was running Wednesday afternoon for the first time without the use of the steam engine and boilers.

The engine has been replaced by two new motors, one five-horse and one 10-horse power, which makes the plant one of the most modern of its kind in southern Indiana.

The fact that Chrisney has a 24-hour light and power service, an unusual convenience for a town of this size, makes possible such modern appliances. Mr. Bergman is to be congratulated upon the improvement.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Sept. 7, 1923.)

Aged resident passes on

Nancy J. Riley-Rice was born in Clermont County, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1837, and departed this life, Jan. 3, 1918, age 80 years, 4 months and 15 days.

She was the daughter of Johnathan and Naoma Riley and came to this county at the age of 10 years with her parents. Feb. 22, 1855, she was united in marriage to Charles F. Rice and to this union were born 10 children, three of whom have preceded her to the Great Beyond. Sept. 5, 1889, her husband departed this life and since his death she has made her home with her son, Thomas, for 10 years and on the old homestead since then with her son, Grant.

She became a member of the Newtonville M.E. Church in 1858, while services were yet held in the old school house. Her Christian spirit was manifested by her great patience in her long and severe suffering, which extended over a period of 20 years. Through all this suffering she was a kind mother and neighbor and had a smile and a loving word for all.

Of the eight children who are living, all were present but Adda, of Rockford, Ohio, John of Lincoln, Ill., and Will, residence unknown. She leaves, besides her eight children, 23 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchilchildren, one brother, one sister and a host of relatives and friends.

(Taken from The Monitor, Jan. 10, 1918.)

Obituary

Daniel Wetzel, youngest son of Andrew and Barbara Wetzel, was born Dec. 2, 1848, at Louisville, Ky., and died Jan. 10, 1926 at Buffaloville, Ind., to which place he moved with his parents when a boy. His age at death being 77 years, one month and eight days.

He was baptized on March 25, 1894, by the Rev. Ducker at Louisville, Ky. He was married to Mary Bartles on May 12, 1874 and to this union one son was born, both the wife and son dying in the year 1875.

On Jan. 28, 1876 he was married to Esther Anne Ferguson Pennington to which union five children were born. Telia Oskins of Evansville, Gertrude Bergman of Chrisney, Bertha Schriefer of Santa Claus, James Andrew Wetzel and Susan Hartloff of Buffaloville and one stepson, William Pennington of Evansville; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, whom with the widow are left to mourn his departure.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Jan. 15, 1926.)

Fourth of July celebration

Large flaming posters will soon ornament the towns and convenient places of the county, telling one and all that arrangements have been made for another Fourth of July celebration at Chrisney. The Roger Grove, one of the finest groves in the county, has been secured.

It is less than 1/4 mile from the railroad depot. Plenty of pure spring water and refreshments will be served. Everybody knows that a picnic at Chrisney means a grand, good time and success.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, May 19, 1887.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

First Indian marriage takes place in 1926 in Spencer County

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Indian marriage

A marriage license was issued by Clerk Orville Martin last Monday morning to Chief Yellow Hammer, an Indian from Miami, Okla., and Miss O'Letha Ellis, a white lady from Chandler, and Squire Jacob Kessner, in his usual impressive manner united them in holy wedlock. So far as is known, this is the first marriage license issued in Spencer County to an Indian and the first marriage of an Indian in the county.

Chief Yellow Hammer has been delivering lectures in history of this and adjoining counties for some time and expects to continue this lecturing. He is trying to create a sentiment in favor of suffrage for the Indians. He said his marrying of a white lady would enable him to come in possession of his estate in Oklahoma.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 5, 1926.)

Revolutionary War grandfather

We have in our town among other defenders of the Union, a grandson of one of the defenders of our country in its first struggle for independence.

Mr. Hardin Chewning's grandfather, Hardin Chewning, enlisted in the 2nd Virginia Regiment in June 1777, served in Captain Hawes' company. The regiment was commanded by Col. Alexander Spottswood and also at another time by Col. Febiger in the early struggle for liberty.

The honorable record was sent Mr. Chewning, our townsman, by the Secretary of War this week and is one of which he may justly feel proud, being the descendant of such a grandfather. It is certainly a fighting family. The grandparent serving through the Revolutionary War and our Hardin through the war of the Rebellion as a soldier for the Union.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 18, 1898.)

1850 Spencer Co. IN, Ohio Township

794-5, (1860), John C. Thurman, 45, VA, #239B; Sally, 37, KY; Jeremiah, 23, Ky., #243B; William F., 21, IA; Aaron, 19, IA, #302B; Mary A., 13, IA; Alfred, 12, IA, #933B; Emeline, 10, IA.

Jeremiah married Polly Ann Small on April 13, 1851. Aaron married Mary Ann Huffman on June 30, 1853. Mary A. married Thomas Springston on April 10, 1851. Alfred married Martha Tharpe on Oct. 12, 1859. Emeline married Athe Meeks on Dec. 31, 1857. William F. married ? either Elenore Springston on Sept. 5, 1850 and/or Phebe Long on March 6, 1862.

Soldier update

Ohio Township, Moman, John; Shaw, William; Thomas, Charles.

Hammond Township, Leistner, Albert.

Accidentally shoots wife

Adam Gerlich, residing two miles north of Chrisney, saw a chicken hawk flying about his premises last Monday and got out his shotgun to kill it.

The hawk flew a short distance from the home and lit, as he supposed in some weeds. Noticing the weeds moving he aimed his gun and blazed away into them. Then the scream of a woman was heard.

Instead of shooting the hawk, he shot his wife, not knowing that she was there. Sixteen of the shot entered her breast. The wound is quite serious though they say she will recover.

Grandview Monitor

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 5, 1900.)

Seven injured in car crashes

Rockport, June 13 (Special)

Five persons were injured, two seriously, when the automobile in which they were riding plunged backward down a hill near this city at 5 o'clock this afternoon and crashed into a tree.

The injured are: Charles Gibbons, driver of the car; Mrs. Gibbons; their son, Ralph, 3; Mrs. Emma Gibbons, mother of Charles Gibbons, and Mrs. Cuno Butcher, mother of Mrs. Charles Gibbons. All are from Rockport.

Mrs. Emma Gibbons and Mrs. Butcher were the most seriously injured. Mrs. Gibbons lies in the Tell City hospital suffering from injuries about her head, the seriousness of which have not been determined. Mrs. Butcher is at her home here.

The other three were severely cut and bruised. The party was returning from Tell City this afternoon. On the Waterman bridge near Troy, the car stalled. The brakes failed to work, Gibbons said, and the car backed down a hill, striking a tree. The car came to a stop at the verge of an embankment 20 feet deep.

Axton's ambulance was called from this city and brought the injured to their homes here. Mrs. Emma Gibbons was taken to the hospital at Tell City.

A.B. Furrow of this city and Miss Esther Wooldridge of Grandview were severely cut and bruised when the automobile in which they were riding overturned near this city at 6 o'clock this evening.

(Taken from Evansville Journal, June 14, 1926.)

Month of Wars

April is a month of wars. The Revolutionary War began April 19, 1775, the Black Hawk War began April 21, 1831, the Mexican War began April 24, 1846 and the Civil War began April 12, 1861. The Spanish American war began in April.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 6, 1898.)

Query

Diana Schertz of 352 W. 600 No., Salt Lake City, Utah, 84103, is searching for any information about Jasper McDonald Madding. He married the second time in Spencer County, Ind., 1873 and was here in 1880. No death record has been found for him or his wife of Spencer County, the former M. Elizabeth Sharp. He will answer all letters and share information. He was also a founder of the Baptist church in Rockport. Any history available?

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Murder of entire family recalled

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Recall awful crime

Most of our old citizens will remember the awful crime in Spencer County Oct. 14, 1871, when near the entire family of Peter Geltreich was murdered in cold blood by fiends in quest of $1,200 in gold which was hidden about the house, but which they failed to find.

Yesterday (Thursday) that same Peter Geltreich--old and destitute--was taken up on the train from here, to become an inmate of the Perry County Poor Asylum.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 23, 1900.)

Anna Heckel buried at St. Peter's Cemetery

Anna Barbara Heckel (Dornhoeffer) was born March 16, 1869, and christened April 19, 1869 and confirmed April 26, 1884, in Ipsheim, Bayern, and all her life was a faithful member of the church and true to her Lord and Savior.

Her life was devoted to her family, and her loving kindness will be greatly missed. She left Germany May 22, 1888 and landed in New York June 1, 1888, and came to Spencer County to make her home with an uncle.

His father and five sisters preceded him in death, while his mother and four brothers remain, with many friends, to realize death is but a servant to God's table in Heaven. His remains were sent here and interred at the Centerville Cemetery Sunday morning, the Rev. E.R. Troyer, of the Zoar Evangelical Church, officiating.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun clipping, Tabelman officiating.)

Brothers meet for first time

W.E. Gibbon of Hiddenite, N.C., arrived in Dale Wednesday on a visit to his brother, Wash Gibbons. This occasion is the only one on which the brothers ever saw each other and it was undoubtedly a happy meeting.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 30, 1900.)

Capt. Myler's will

Capt. Alfred Myler's will has been probated and recorded in the county clerk's office. It bequeaths his undivided 1/2 interest in their personal property of every kind described to his wife during her life.

At her death 1/2 goes to his stepson, Ira Goddard, and the remaining 1/2 to be equally divided between his son, M.F. Myler, his daughter, Martha Moody, heir of his son, J.M. Myler, and his grandson, C.J. Myler.

The will was executed Nov. 23, 1896.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 22, 1897.)

Query

Mrs. Bess Roberts of 1121 Moonbeam Drive, Monterey Park, Calif., 91754, needs information on birthdate and parents of Isaac Harrell, born in Kentucky, died in 1836, Hatfield; married 1826 to Cynthia Meeks, granddaughter of Athe D. 1811. She married second to Mason Meeks 1837. Isaac left children: Louis Snyder Herrell, married 1) Jane Brandt, 4 children. 2) Mary Miller, ch. Ada (Mattingley) and Eugene. Keziah B ca 1835 mar Wm Murphy and removed to Missouri? Could James Harrell 1817 Warrick County, Ind., be the father of Isaac?

On November 29, 1896, she became the wife of John Heckel of Lamar in Huff Township, Spencer County. She fell peacefully asleep Tuesday, March 2nd, near the evening of the day, to be with her Lord and the dear ones gone before, among them a daughter, Henrietta, who died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her husband, six daughters, Lorena of Tell City; Catherine, Louise, Amelia and Meta, of Evansville; and Nancy of Evansville; two sons, Walter of Lamar and Oscar of Illinois. She also leaves two brothers in Germany besides a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her departure to the home above.

She was 58 years, 11 months and 16 days of age. She was laid to rest in St. Peter's Cemetery Thursday afternoon, the Rev. Nestel officiated.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 12, 1926.)

Fifth marriage

Mrs. Eliza Main, widow of Harrison Huffman, deceased, of this county was married last week to a man named Smith in Moravia, Iowa. It is her fifth marriage and she and her husband are each 73 years old.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 28, 1897.)

Young man is called

Frank Jacobs were born near Centerville, Nov. 7, 1872, and died Nov. 15, 1905, at Brighton, Colo., aged 33 years, eight days. About four months ago he went to Colorado, trusting to thereby regain his health.

Frank was a man of excellent disposition; was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Centerville.

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Dedication of courthouse held in 1921

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Dedication

Dedication of the Spencer County Courthouse on next Thursday, July 14, was formulated at a meeting of the county officials and the building committee held Wednesday evening at the city hall.

There will be three sessions of the dedicatory services. The morning session will begin at 10 o'clock and will include all the preliminaries of accepting the courthouse. Talks will be made by the architect, contractor and officials.

The afternoon session will begin at 2 o'clock and the evening session at 7:30. The six living judges of Spencer County Circuit Court have been asked to be the speakers of the afternoon and evening. They are Judge Edward Gough of Boonville, Judge E.M. Swan of this city, Judge Roscoe Kiper of Boonville, Judge R.E. Roberts of Rockport, Judge Marshall R. Tweedy of Boonville and Judge Fred A. Heuring of Rockport.

Special music will be furnished by the Rockport orchestra. The meetings will be held in the assembly room in the basement of the new courthouse building.

The courthouse will be open from 8:30 in the morning to 9:30 at night. The county offices, the court rooms, and the entire building will be ready for the inspection for visitors during these hours.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 8, 1921.)

Heart of tree

Last week Messrs Charley and Edward Weller, while splitting wood found imbedded near the heart of the tree, about 18 inches in diameter, a number of friction matches. How the matches came to be there is not known, but it is thought they were placed in a small knothole by someone when the tree was quite small. The matches are in a perfect state after being in tree for some 25-30 years.

Santa Claus Item

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 31, 1899.)

Huff Township Teachers

No. 1, Mrs. A.E. Haskins, Principal

Miss Blanche Haskins, Pri.

No. 2, W.T. Ray

No. 3, Miss Mary Rust

No. 4, L.S. Donham, Principal

Miss Lizzie Schoolfield, Pri.

No. 6, Miss Etta Hopkins

No. 7, Miss Ona Southwood

No. 8, Miss Cinderella Sanders

No. 9, Herbert Rust

No. 10, Miss Josie Rust

No. 11, W.W. Price.

Schools to commence, Oct. 12, 1896.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 18, 1896.)

Young life closed

Though not entirely unexpected the many friends were grieved to learn of the passing away of Miss Olive C. Kramer on last Thursday morning, after a long and patient illness of fribroid pothisis, and extend to the bereaved family their sincerest sympathy.

Olive C. Kramer, daughter of Isaac L. and Flora A. Kramer, was born July 17, 1884, and died June 23, 1910, aged 25 years, 11 months and 6 days.

She joined the Chrisney M.E. Church about five years ago, and lived a devoted Christian life till translated to the church triumphant. She leaves father, mother, two grandmothers, nine brothers, three sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss. One sister, in early infancy, preceded her to the spirit world.

Nine months ago Olive was stricken with disease, and from that time, though pale, weak and nervous, she strove hard to bear up with patience and fortitude, waiting the will of her Heavenly Father.

Friday afternoon, June 24, after a short service at the home, they proceeded to the Baptist church at Newtonville, where the funeral services were held, conducted by the Rev. S.O. Dorsey.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping in the Carrye Tabelman collection.)

Fisherman scores

Mr. Bent Evans, a fisherman of this place, caught a large garfish in his line last Monday morning, which was the largest fish ever caught here. It was six and one-half feet in length and weighed 110 pounds. Mr. Evans brought it up on Main Street where it was viewed by a large crowd.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 30. 1897.)

Lincoln attended her wedding

Tell City, April 5, "Aunt Betsy Grigsby." aged 87 years, injured by a fall some time ago, is dead at Grandview.

Abraham Lincoln was a guest at her wedding in 1829. Aaron Grigsby, her husband's brother, married a sister of Lincoln.

Mrs. Grigsby died in sight of the place on which she was born three years before Indiana was admitted into the Union as a State.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 12, 1901.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

December 8, 1988

In 1926 50th anniversary of the telephone observed

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50th anniversary

March 10th marked the 50th anniversary of the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell, and was celebrated by telephone companies throughout the United States. Buttons bearing the numerals 50 and the picture of a telephone in black and white, against a blue background were worn by all telephone employs Wednesday. Old timers in Rockport will well remember the invention of the telephone. It was in 1883 that the first telephone exchange was established in Rockport by the "Local Telephone Company," under the management of Sam Meyers.

Only 20 people with faith enough in the service to subscribe could be mustered and the youthful company began business with this handful of subscribers. After two years the organization was disbanded and for nine years the city of Rockport had no telephone service whatsoever. In 1894, the Cumberland Telephone Company established its first exchange in Spencer County. Here it built toll lines to all the neighboring towns and started to operate with 40 stations, then called "local boxes." The companies' first manager was Mr. Howard who served in this capacity for two years. He was succeeded by R. Fields Jr., who was transferred to Owensboro, Ky., in December 1906 and was followed by J.J. Shelton, R.W. Dyer, J.A. Hebert, R.W. Spalding, C.E. Travis and A.M. Floyd.

Each held the managerical position in the nine years that followed. In September 1915, Claude Barker was appointed manager, an able telephone man, thoroughly conversant with his duties, and with the telephone "Spirit of Service" toward the public he served. During these various shifts in personnel, the company itself saw some changes.

In 1915 the Southern Telephone Company of Indiana took over the Cumberland Telephone Company, and was, in turn, made a part of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company in July 1920. Today there are 411 telephones in Rockport, quite a difference from the subscription list of the early days. More than 2,724 local calls and 71 toll messages are handled by the local exchange at Rockport each 24 hours. The Indiana Bell Telephone Company operates 200,000 of the 1/2 million telephones in the state. Each of these instruments is directly connected with the more than 70,000 cities, towns and rural communities over the United States, served by the lines of the Bell system.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 12, 1926.)

Secures a crayon portrait

Dixon Pennington of Clay Township came to Rockport last Saturday and secured a crayon portrait of his grandfather, Dennis Pennington, that he had enlarged from an ambertype over 60 years old and the picture has an interest for more than the family as the original was one of the prominent citizens of the state's early history.

Dennis Pennington was born in Virginia in 1776 and came to Kentucky in 1797 with Henry Clay. Between them there was a friendship that lasted all their lives. In 1804 Pennington crossed to where Corydon now is and settled.

He built the state house which is yet standing there. The fact that, however, that makes him unique is that he served longer in the legislature of this state than any other man, being a member of the assembly for 29 years, 11 years in the senate and 18 in the lower house. He was a member also of the constitutional convention in 1851 that formed our present constitution. Mr. Pennington died in 1856.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 15, 1908.)

A short honeymoon

Ollie Huskins has filed suit in Spencer Circuit Court for a legal separation from her husband, John T. Huskins. They were married on April 23, 1894 and lived together as husband and wife until May 5, 1894, when they separated and have since lived apart.

She says that in a very few days after they were married the defendant became intoxicated and behaved in a very unbecoming manner, told her that he did not love her, cursed her and ordered her to leave his house. The plaintiff resides in Luce Township, this county, but the defendant is a citizen of Sorgho, Daviess County, Ky.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 20, 1896.)

David W. Frank

David W. Frank was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., Feb. 26, 1834, and died Sept. 14, 1896, at Mr. Green's residence in Shiloh neighborhood. He sought the Lord in early life and was a faithful servant. He was a soldier in the late war and served his country over three years as a member of Company F 1st Indiana Cavalry.

Sometime after the war he was married to Miss Jane Hamilton, and three children were born to this union. The wife and two children preceded him to the Glory Land. There are two sisters and one son left to mourn his death. The funeral service took place at Shiloh Church at three o'clock p.m. Sept. 15, the Rev. F. Merithew officiating.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 18, 1896.)

Query

Betty McCloskey of R.3, Box 17, Scottsburg, IN, 47170, is looking for information on two sisters of Spencer County, IN. Melinda Wire married William Tuley and later Marion Ely Tinkler. Nancy Wire married Isaac Hutchinson. He is buried in Avery Cemetery in Perry County. Does anyone know their parents or have any other information about these two sisters? She will answer all letters.

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Old timers meet in 1897 for talk

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Old timers meet

Uncle Jimmy Young, who is very low from the infirmities of age, was visited by a large number of friends at the residence of his son, Jake, southwest of town, last Sunday.

Uncle Jimmy is nearly 92 years of age and among his visitors was Uncle Jimmy Parsley, aged nearly 93. They met and talked over old times together, probably for the last time on earth. The house was full of people and Uncle Jimmy Young called on them to sing a song for him. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was sung after which Mr. A.J. Parsley offered a prayer, but before he was half through Uncle Jimmy was shouting the praise of God. It was an affecting scene and all present were deeply impressed.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 19, 1897.)

Death of John Kennedy

John Kennedy, another one of the old and well respected citizens of Spencer County, departed this life at his residence in Grandview, Friday morning, Jan. 1, 1897, at 2 o'clock after a brief illness, aged 79, 10 months and 24 days.

He was born in County Down, Ireland, Feb. 8, 1817, which was his home until he was 29 years of age. In 1839 he was united in marriage to Nancy Langrige, and in 1846 he moved to Scotland, where he lived until he came to America in 1848 and located in Wheeling, Va. In the year 1851 he removed to Spencer County, in which he resided until his death--a period of 46 years.

On the 18th day of February, 1857, his wife died, leaving him with eight children, seven boys and one girl. His daughter, Sarah, and son, John, were born in Ireland, Hugh in Scotland, Alexander and William in Wheeling, Va., Robert, James and David in Spencer County, the last named two being twins, four weeks and two days old at the date of their mother's death.

He was again married the same year to Sarah Wood, with whom he lived until her death, May 15, 1881. In the same year, he was united in marriage to Ann Wetherell, who is left to mourn her loss. To this union was born one son, Albert, who died in infancy.

Services were conducted at the residence on Friday at 2 o'clock p.m. by the Rev. Rosenberger, after which the remains were taken to the residence of his son, David, the old homestead, in Clay Township, where the body was kept until 10 o'clock a.m. Saturday, when it was conveyed to Mt. Zion Christian Church where funeral services took place, conducted by Elder James Blake, an old friend of the deceased.

Uncle John, as he was familiarly called, was reared in the Presbyterian Church, but in 1853 united with the Christian Church and adorned his profession of faith with a Christian life. He leaves a wife, one daughter and four sons.

His life is an illustration of what can be accomplished by honesty, industry and economy even under the most unfavorable circumstances. He was left an orphan in poverty at a very early age and worked at 12 1/2 cents a day in Ireland after he was married. At Wheeling, Va., he worked as a day laborer in a foundry, but when he came to Spencer County, he took up the occupation of farming, in which his labors were crowned with a large measure of success. At one time he was the owner of 1,000 acres of land in Spencer County, but as his children arrived at the age of 21, he divided with them until about 10 or 12 years ago, he disposed of all his real estate and retired from active business life, retaining, however, sufficient means to keep him and his wife in comfortable circumstances the remainder of their life. He was strictly honest and honorable in all his dealings and was universally respected.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 8, 1897.)

Historic Troy Cemetery (Perry Co.)

The Troy Cemetery is one of the oldest in Southern Indiana. There are graves there over 100 years old--graves of the early pioneers who settled this part of Indiana.

The site was originally an Indian burying ground, and was taken over by the early settlers. Chief Charlie White Eyes, a famous Indian at the time Troy was settled is buried there. He was a friend of the whites. His resting place is unmarked and unknown. The first white buried in the cemetery was a brother of Robert Fulton.

When Robert Fulton made his second trip down the Ohio River with the first steamboat that ever plied the western waters he left his brother here to establish a woodyard and conduct a small frontier store. He was killed on the site of the big hill north of town by a rolling log. At the time of Fulton's death he was preparing to build a home on the summit of the hill and rock for the foundation had been placed on the site.

The rock remained there for many years and is remembered by the editor. The hill took its name from Robert Fulton. Several of the early graves at the cemetery have markers of native stone but time has leveled the graves of the early settlers and their resting place is unknown. It is nothing uncommon when digging a grave for the workers to discover they have unearthed the bones of someone long forgotten. There is no record of the early burials and no way to locate the graves.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 25, 1909.)

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December 22, 1988

Prosperous Midway farmer dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Melchoir Mayer dies of cancer

Melchoir Mayer, a prosperous farmer of near Midway, died at his home Monday morning of tumerous cancer of the stomach and bowels. He was 63 years, 11 months and 29 days of age.

He had been afflicted with the dreadful disease for several months and was operated on twice for this trouble but death gently but surely crept upon him until he fell a victim. The burial was at the Midway Cemetery Wednesday morning after impressive funeral services at the house at 10 o'clock.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 19, 1913.)

Death of Laban Lloyd

Laban Brazier Lloyd, son of Reuben and Nancy Lloyd, was born March 23, 1831, in the state of Ohio. He moved with his parents to Spencer County in 1848. On Sept. 19, 1854, he was married to Harriet D. Gwaltney. To this union 10 children were born, four of whom have preceded him to the better world.

He joined the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in 1861 and died in the faith March 18, 1897, with full assurance that the great eternity has only rest and peace and joy for him.

When nearing the end and questioned about the future he said all was well with him, that he had full confidence and assurance in his faith and hope and was willing to leave all in the hands of a merciful God.

The funeral service was held at the Pleasant Valley Church on Saturday morning, March 20, 1897, in the presence of a large congregation, conducted by the Rev. F.G. Ellis, assisted by the Revs. H.T. Lampton and J.E. Covert, after which our brother was buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery to await the resurrection. A good man is gone. Let us hope to meet again.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 26, 1897.)

Notice of final settlement of estate

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of George Fahr, deceased, to appear in the Spencer Circuit Court, held at Rockport, Indiana, on the 8th day of May, 1931, and show cause, if any, why the final settlement Accounts with the estate of said decedent should not be approved, and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of heirship and, receive their distributive shares.

Witness, the Clerk of said Court, this 20th day of April, 1931.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 1, 1931.)

Query

Alan Begle of R.R.2, Box 176, Ferdinand, IN, 47632, is searching for other Begle, Beagle, Begel and other spellings, family members or researchers having information about this Spencer County family.

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A golden wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Raaf of Newtonville were given a very pleasant surprise on the 50th anniversary of their marriage last Tuesday, by their children, grandchildren and friends to the number of about 45 calling upon them. A splendid dinner was served and a pleasant day spent with the venerable couple. Mr. Raaf is 83 and his wife 79.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1894.)

Marriage Licenses

Charles Larkin to Mary C. Briscoe, William A. Cooper to Cora A. Martin, John William Vogel to Clara C. Hoff, John Reif to Nannie Gasaway and Edward W. Markland to Cordia M. Stuteville.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 3, 1893.)

John F. Weber dies

John Francis Weber, son of Florian and Genevieve Weber, was born near Chrisney, March 22, 1892, and departed this life at his home Feb. 21, 1931, at the age of 38 years, 11 months and 19 days, after a week's illness of pneumonia.

In the year 1914, he was united in marriage to Amelia Trinkle, and to this union were born one daughter, Elizabeth, and one son, Fred. Mr. Weber was an industrious man and a faithful husband and father, taking great interest in the welfare of his family, and was a most respected neighbor, always honest, kind and helpful.

He was a faithful member of the St. Martin Catholic Church at Chrisney, serving as a trustee for the past four years.

Besides his wife and children, he leaves to mourn his departure, the parents, four sisters, Mrs. Nettie Ebelhar of Owensboro, Ky., Mrs. Mayme Fella, Mrs. Floriana Drahm and Mrs. Rosalee Miller, all of Chrisney, and two brothers, Edward and Leo, of Chrisney, and hosts of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at nine o'clock at Mt. Martin's Church with the Rev. Father Hoffman officiating, and burial was in the Chrisney Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 27, 1931.)

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Ludwig offers veterinary services

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Veterinary services

Nelson G. Ludwig, a former citizen of Dale, has located at Chrisney, where he will practice as a veterinary surgeon under Dr. J.F. Beardsley of Dale.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 2, 1919.)

Will probated

The will of Melchoir of Grass Township has been probated in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. He bequeaths to his wife, Mollie F. Mayer, a life estate in 40 acres of land, being the "home place." The fee remainder, subject to the life estate of his wife, is bequeathed to his son, Archie E. Mayer.

All personal property is willed to his wife, except hay and grain, which shall be disposed of by the executor and the proceeds applied to the payment of debts. Any proceeds remaining unexpended from the sale of real and personal property shall be held by the executor as a trust fund in trust for his wife, Mollie F. Mayer. The interest after payment of taxes, to be paid to his wife. After the death of his wife, this trust fund so created to be divided among his four children, vis: Ethel White, Emma F. Beeler, Octavia Mayer and Archie E. Mayer equally.

The provisions on behalf of his wife are in lieu of her interest in the estate. No provision is made for his son, Karl F. Mayer, as he had heretofore given him $1,100 and is owing him notes of $600, and which shall be paid as other claims against the estate. Eugene W. White, son-in-law of the decedent, was named as executor. The will is dated Nov. 3, 1913, witnessed by W.Q. Collins and Elbert M. Swan.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 19, 1913.)

Death of Capt. A.H. McCoy

Alfred Hills McCoy was born in Spencer County, Indiana, Jan. 26, 1819, and died at Gentryville, Ind., June 20th, 1896, of nervous prostration. He had resided in Spencer County all his life, and was one of its most honorable and respected citizens.

In 1839 he united in marriage with Ollie Jones, daughter of Henry Jones, who settled in Spencer County in 1812.

To this union 10 children were born, six of whom are living: H. Watson McCoy, Dr. L.H. McCoy, Dr. G.W. McCoy, Mary Stephenson, Martha Small and Laura Bennett. His wife preceded him to the better land some two years ago.

Capt. McCoy was one of the early school teachers of Spencer County, finally devoting all his time to farming and stock raising, taking great interest in improved stock. At an early age he united with the M.E. Church and was for 40 years a local.minister in that denomination.

He was an ardent supporter of the Union, and at the breaking out of the Rebellion recruited Co. F, 53d Reg. Ind. Vol., of which he was commissioned captain.

The funeral was conducted June 21, at the G.A.R., with sermon being preached by the Rev. F.A. Heuring, assisted by the Rev. J.H. Strain. Burial was at Gentryville Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 26, 1896.)

Haines-Hill marriage

Mr. Livingston Haines and Miss Nellie Hill were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride, last Tuesday evening. The bridegroom is the youngest son of Mr. Willis Haines, and the bride the eldest daughter of Mr. D.S. Hill, highly respected citizens of Spencer County.

Miss Nellie has been our faithful organist at Oak Grove M.E. Church for a number of years and will be greatly missed by the congregation.

May peace and happiness attend them along the pathway of life, is the wish of the writer. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W.P. Wallace in the presence of a few of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 11, 1893.)

Obituary

Emily Proctor Miller, a daughter of Daniel Miller and Mary Young Miller, was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., near the city of Hardinsburg on Sept. 22, 1856.

At the age of 3 years she came with her parents to Spencer County, Indiana, and located near Oak Grove where she spent the remainder of her life.

On Feb. 2, 1874, she was married to Don Seay. To this union there were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom five survive, two, Mason and Alta, having preceded her in death.

During the pastorate of Rev. Lester, about 45 years before her death, she was converted and joined the M.E. Church at Oak Grove. Throughout the remainder of her life she was a devout and loyal member of this church.

She died at her home near Oak Grove, Nov. 7, 1931, after an illness of nearly four years.

She lived her life and died amid the scenes of her childhood. Patient, kind and considerate, she found peace and contentment in the service of others. Devoted to her home and family, she lived a quiet, uneventful life, blessed at its close with the knowledge that her work had been well done.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 13, 1931.)

Query

Thomas E. Howell, 22215 4th Place West, Bothell, WA, 98021 is searching for photos to copy of Mason Jones Howell, his third great-grandfather. Mason was an Indiana state senator, judge and land registrar, born 1795 and died 1875 near Rockport, Ind. Mason's son was Shadrach Rogers Howell and he is also wanting photos of this man. Any information about this family would be appreciated very much.

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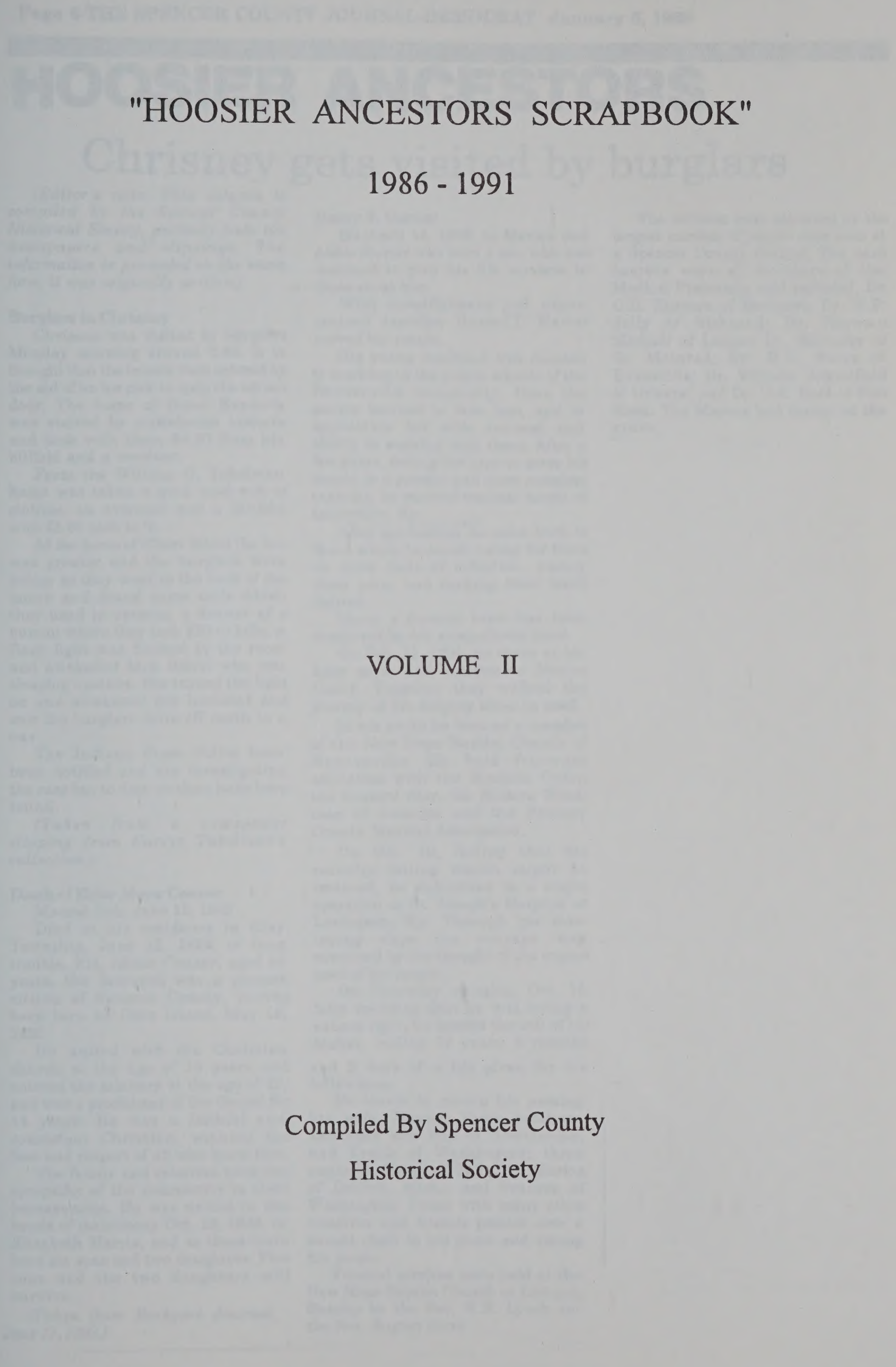

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Burglars in Chrisney

Chrisney was visited by burglars Monday morning around 2:30. It is thought that the houses were entered by the aid of an ice pick to open the screen door. The home of Omar Kennedy was visited by unwelcome visitors and took with them $4.50 from his billfold and a revolver.

From the William G. Tabelman home was taken a good wool suit of clothes, an overcoat and a billfold with $5.00 cash in it.

At the home of Elbert Sibrel the loot was greater and the burglars were bolder as they went to the back of the house and found some tools which they used in opening a drawer of a bureau where they took $20 in bills. A flash light was flashed in the room and awakened Mrs. Sibrel who was sleeping upstairs. She turned the light on and awakened her husband and saw the burglars drive off north in a car.

The Indiana State Police have been notified and are investigating the case but to date no clues have been found.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping from Carrye Tabelman's collection.)

Death of Elder Abner Conner

Madrid, Ind., June 15, 1892

Died at his residence in Clay Township, June 12, 1892, of lung trouble, Eld. Abner Conner, aged 66 years, the deceased was a pioneer citizen of Spencer County, having been born on Corn Island, May 16, 1826.

He united with the Christian church at the age of 18 years and entered the ministry at the age of 22, and was a proclaimer of the Gospel for 44 years. He was a faithful and consistent Christian, winning the love and respect of all who knew him.

The family and relatives have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. He was united in the bonds of matrimony Oct. 18, 1848, to Elizabeth Harris, and to them were born six sons and two daughters. Five sons and the two daughters still survive.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 17, 1892.)

Harry T. Harter

On April 14, 1869, to Marion and Abbie Harter was born a son who was destined to give his life services to those about him.

With unselfishness and unrestrained sacrifice Harry T. Harter served his people.

His young manhood was devoted to teaching in the public schools of the Newtonville community. Here the people learned to love him, and to appreciate his wife counsel and ability in working with them. After a few years, feeling the urge to serve his people in a greater and more complete capacity, he entered medical school at Louisville, Ky.

After graduation he came back to those whom he loved; caring for them on their beds of affliction, easing their pain, and making their loads lighter.

Many a fevered brow has been comforted by his sympathetic hand.

On Feb. 11, 1906, he chose as his help mate and companion Nanna Casey. Together they walked the journey of life helping those in need.

In his youth he became a member of the New Hope Baptist Church of Newtonville. He held fraternal affiliation with the Masonic Order, the Eastern Star, the Modern Woodman of America and the Spencer County Medical Association.

On Oct. 10, feeling that his recently failing health might be restored, he submitted to a major operation at St. Joseph's Hospital at Lexington, Ky. Through his most trying days his courage was sustained by the thought of the urgent need of his people.

On Thursday morning, Oct. 16, fully realizing that he was losing a valiant fight, he heeded the call of his Maker, ending 72 years, 6 months and 2 days of a life given for his fellowmen.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Nanna; three brothers, Lawrence and Will of Newtonville, and Frank of Washington; three nephews, Harry of Tell City, Marion of Detroit, Mich., and Frances of Washington. These with many other relatives and friends ponder over a vacant chair in his home and among his people.

Funeral services were held at the New Hope Baptist Church at 1:30 p.m. Sunday by the Rev. W.R. Lynch an' the Rev. August Stork.

The services were attended by the largest number of people ever seen at a Spencer County funeral. The paul bearers were all members of the Medical Fraternity and included, Dr. C.D. Ehrman of Rockport; Dr. W.P. Jolly of Richland; Dr. Norman Medcalf of Lamar; Dr. Schriefer of St. Meinrad; Dr. H.G. Weiss of Evansville; Dr. William Schoolfield of Orleans; and Dr. G.A. Held of Fort Knox. The Masons had charge at the grave.

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Taylor Karney is accidentally shot

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Sad shooting accident

Last Sunday, Taylor Karney was accidentally shot at the residence of Dr. Ed Ehrman near Lake Mill. He and Edwin Ehrman, the little son of Dr. C.D. Ehrman, were at the home of Dr. Ed Ehrman to spend the day and while there they got to the .22 caliber Winchester gun belonging to the doctor and passed the time shooting at a mark. After exhausting the shots, as they thought, they went into the house with the gun and gave it to the doctor for him to see if any more shots were in it.

It was not noticed at the time that the gun was cocked and as the doctor took the gun away from the boy the trigger caught on something causing an explosion. Young Taylor was immediately in front of the gun and the ball struck him in the right side, passing entirely through the body. This happened about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. James Karney, the father of the boy, was immediately notified and he and Dr. C.D. Ehrman went after the boys and brought them to their home, where the injuries of the Karney boy were attended to. At latest account the boy was resting well and it is thought that he will recover.

Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 31, 1915.)

Maude M. Thrasher passes away

Maude May, only daughter of Jacob and Margaret McCoy Harrison, was born in Bloomfield in this county, June 2, 1876, and passed to eternal rest at midnight on Sunday, Nov. 15, 1936, the age of 60 years, 5 months and 13 days. Her mother passed away when Maude was a child, thus leaving her training to her grandmother, Mrs. Narcissa McCoy, and two aunts, Mrs. Biddle Davis and Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, who showered a mother's love upon her.

She was converted and joined the Bloomfield M.E. Church and later moved her membership to Chrisney, and from that time until the summons came, she was ready to do whatever her hands found to do for the kingdom. She loved and worked earnestly in the Ladies Aid and after she was stricken, insisted that they meet in her home and was happy to have the members with her. As a neighbor, she was ever ready to help those who needed her assistance.

On Feb. 23, 1897, she was united in marriage to William H. Thrasher, with the Rev. S.J. Shake officiating. Seven children came into this home, three of whom, Nina, Lois and an infant son, preceded her in death. Those surviving besides the husband, are Donald W. and Hugh of Chrisney, and Mrs. Margaret Broshers and Mrs. Nellie Scales of Tennyson, and three grandchildren. Her entire married life was spent in Chrisney, where she had a beautiful home life. She loved her family, and they in return loved and honored her. "Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates." Funeral services were conducted at the Chrisney M.E. Church at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday by the Rev. R.J. Stephens, assisted by the Rev. W.T. Jones, district superintendent, and the Rev. R.J. Skelton. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from a clipping from Carrye Tabelman's Collection.)

Census enumerators

The Spencer County census enumerators appointed for the 14th census are as follows: William Herr and Perry Key, Dale; Gladys Schriefer, Buffaloville; Alfred Tabelman, Lamar; Ansley I. May, Chrisney; Herby McCoy, Boonville, RR#8; Robert A. Bennett and Jonathan F. Titus, Grandview; John H. Hubers, St. Meinrad; Archie Ahring, Santa Claus; Nicholas Frazier, Troy; Thomas Schneider, Evanston; Cevil Shrode, Gentryville; Shirley C. Schumacher, Robert Pattie, John E. Stevenson, Myler Shrode, Carl McCullough, Viola Hammond, William E. Browne, Mrs. Bess Keller, Rockport. There are vacancies for the south part of Ohio Township yet to be filled. Work will begin Jan. 2. Everyone will be required to answer a long list of questions. The answers given will not be used for taxation purposes, or any purpose injurious to the citizens. Refusal to answer the questions will bring prosecution by the federal government.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 26, 1919.)

Soldier update

Peddicord, Roy, New Hope, Hammond Township; Smith, Robert David, Dale, Carter Township; Morris, William, Sunset Hill, Ohio Township.

Query

Bobbie Derrick of 410 W. Sixth Street, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, 75455, is looking for any information about her second great-grandmother, Catherine Stuteville, Spencer County, Indiana. She especially wants to know about parents, place of birth and marriages.

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Funeral services held for Gentryville soldier boy

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Soldier boy returns

The remains of Earl Oskins arrived at his home at Gentryville, last Friday accompanied by a soldier boy. Earl died on the ocean about two years ago enroute to France to fight for our country. His body was taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Oskins, where the casket was opened. His face and features were recognized. Saturday morning funeral services were held at the M.E. church at Gentryville after which the remains were laid to rest in the Gentryville Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 14, 1920.)

Alexander Mills, Civil War veteran dies

Alexander Hamilton Mills, son of the Rev. Samuel Mills and wife, was born near Murraysville, W.Va., June 2, 1844. He was a twin and at the age of 18, he with his mate, enlisted in the service of his country. Two of the older brothers were already at the front, but of the four boys who went out from the home only two came back, the oldest brother and the twin brother having died in service.

Mr. Mills served two years and 10 months and took part in several battles, the last one being the battle of Cedar Creek where Sheridan made his famous ride from Winchester, 20 miles away. At the close of the war he went to Jennings County, Indiana, to where his father had moved his family.

Sept. 5, 1876 he was united in marriage to Alta M. Eastman, near North Vernon, Jennings County. To them were born three children, Mrs. Grace L. Brown of Dale, Ind., Willard of Mullinville, Kan., and Warren of Moscow, Kan. He was raised in the Methodist church and was happily converted when a young man, and has always lived a faithful Christian life.

In his boyhood days there were no free schools in West Virginia, only subscription schools, and they were very irregular, so his education was very limited and he always felt this but was loyal to his church and church work. For several years he has been hard of hearing and often could not understand his pastor, so did not attend church services regularly but read his Bible and studies his Sunday school lesson at home. He was of a family of 12 children. Only one brother and two sisters survive him with his wife, children and nine grandchildren mourn their loss. But their loss is his eternal gain.

In October 1898 he moved his family from North Vernon to Dale where he has resided ever since except for short times spent with his sons in Kansas. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for 36 years and was the chaplain of the local post at the time of his death. He was a kind and loving father and husband. He died July 23, 1921, aged 77 years, 1 month and 21 days.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 29, 1921.)

Traveling thief captured

John Slaughter, alias John Snipp, a traveling thief, accompanied by two other light fingered scoundrels, were arrested by officer J.T. Lenord, of Grandview, and John Ribkey, near Troy, on last Tuesday, and were brought to Rockport and lodged in jail, to await their trial for burglary and larceny. The facts of the case as nearly as we can gather them are as follows:

On last Saturday night the above-named parties broke into the wharfboats at Grandview, and stole a fine pistol, a watch chain, a lot of shirts, and other valuables; and on Sunday night, entered the dwelling house of Dr. Gage, near Maxville, and stole such articles as they could conveniently carry off. The same parties were in Rockport last Saturday, and we are informed, had in their possession about 40 dollars worth of government stamped envelopes, and quite a large number of postage stamps. The property no doubt came from the Henderson Post Office, which was burglarized a few days since.

John Snipp is a bad character, and is known to be such in this county. He is the same chap who was shot in Rockport last winter, and who was reported dead by the *Journal* last week.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 29, 1873.)

Horses take fright

Abe Wright's team took fright last Monday, while unloading a hogshead of sugar at E.J. Rogers' grocery store, and ran down Main Street at lightning speed to the corner of 4th, where they took a short turn upsetting the wagon and causing one of the horses to fall, which put a check to their running. Fortunately no damage was done worth mentioning.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 15, 1874.)

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Indian cave story is told by residents

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Indian cave story

Older residents of the community have often spoken of a story told them by early settlers of the township of the existence of a magnificent cave on the Flint Hill two miles east of Dale, which was used by the Indians, and the opening of which was carefully concealed by the latter.

One of the old settlers, it is said, had gained the friendship of the Indians and he was invited one day to visit the cave provided he would agree to go to and into the cave blindfolded, and return to the starting place in a like manner. He agreed to this and said that when his eyes were uncovered in the cave he was astounded at the magnificence and beauty of the place and of the large assortment of Indian relics, handiwork, etc., stored in the place.

He was again blindfolded and taken away and to this day the cave has not been located. There is a particular spot on this hill that gives off a hollow-like sound when digging or pounding on the rocks and it is believed by some that this is the cave beneath. Filled with the adventurous spirit Scout Master Ora V. Brown and his Scouts have undertaken to locate this long lost cave.

They began their digging this week, and will continue slowly in their spare hours until they are successful or become satisfied of the futility of landing the prize. Some of our best people give assurance to the truthfulness of the old story and the efforts of the Scouts will be watched with interest.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Sept. 30, 1921.)

Special notice Dr. H. Wells

Having permanently located in Rockport, Indiana would respectfully tender his professional services to the citizens of the place and vicinity, and hopes by street attention to business together with a long experience in the treatment of diseases in Kentucky and Indiana to merit and obtain a share of patronage. Office 3rd Street over J. Stevenson's Grocery, Residence: Spencer House.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 22, 1874.)

Birth

Born, Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Martin of Owensboro, an 8 1/2 pound boy, James Wilbern. Mrs. Martin was Miss Della Wood of Dale before her marriage.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 14, 1921.)

Wills probated

The following wills have recently been admitted to probate by the Clerk of the Spencer Circuit Court:

The will of Kunigunda Keller, deceased, of Harrison Township, bequeaths to her husband the sum of $300; to her daughter, Katherine, $50; and to her son, Henry, the remainder of her estate, with the provision that he care and provide for his sister during her life. The instrument is dated Jan. 22, 1888.

The will of Catherine Weiss, late of Clay Township, bequeathing to her son, August W. Weiss, the 150-acre tract of land upon which deceased resided, provided he pay the rest of her 10 children the sum of $100 each. The will is dated Aug. 6, 1891.

The will of Charles Freshly, late of Ohio Township, bequeathing to his wife, Lizzie Freshly, his entire estate, real and personal.

The will of George Kehrer, late of Grass Township, dated Dec. 31, 1891, bequeaths to the person with whom he may reside at the time of his death the sum of $100 to pay for nursing and attention during his last illness, and $100 to his brothers, Adam and Conrad Kehrer, and to the children of his sister, Mrs. Magdalena Roetzel, deceased. The remainder of the estate is to be divided equally among Adam and Conrad Kehrer, Frederick and Francis Fueger, half brothers of the deceased, and the children of Mrs. Roetzel. Conrad Kehrer is appointed executor of the estate.

The will of Joseph Dentinger, late of Huff Township, bequeaths to his daughter, Mary S. Phillips, all of his estate both real and personal, except the sum of one dollar to each of his other 12 children or their heirs. The instrument is dated June 10, 1887.

The will of Bernhard Hufnagel, late of Carter Township, devising his entire estate, both real and personal to his wife, Catharine Hufnagel.

The will of Ludwig Bosler, late of Carter Township, dated March 28, 1891, bequeaths to his wife, Mary Bosler, a certain 40-acre tract of land, and to his children, Ottilis, John and Henry E. Bosler, 40 acres of land. Anthony Bosler is named as executor of the will.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 26, 1892.)

Query

Lynne Farmer of 8602 Emrich Avenue, Louisville, Ky. 40291, wants to exchange information on Frederick James Devine, m. 1862 to Matilda Boyd and Jacob Johnston (Johnson) m. 1774 to Pheriby Warren--owned land known as Johnston Landing at Eureka and had 10 miles of riverfront now owned by Alcoa. All resided in Spencer County.

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Chrisney man dies of fall from scaffold

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Killed by a fall

George Bays, of Chrisney, fell from a scaffold while painting his house, at that place last Thursday, and died in about three hours from the effects of the fall. The house of Mr. Bays needed painting and he concluded to do the work himself. While he was engaged in the work of painting the house, and was standing on a scaffold about six or eight feet from the ground, the scaffold gave way in such a manner as to precipitate the unfortunate man to the ground, headfirst.

He died in about three hours after the accident never regaining consciousness. Concussion of the brain, the physician said was the cause of his death, as the neck was not broken nor the skull fractured. The deceased was about 40 years of age and was an excellent citizen. He leaves a wife and several small children to mourn his untimely death.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 13, 1892.)

Huge apple tree

Isadore Klueh, who lives on South Jackson Street, showed us an apple Monday, which he had picked from a tree on the old homestead near St. Meinrad that was planted 79 years ago by his father soon after his arrival in this country from Germany.

The tree is probably the largest species in southern Indiana, measuring eight feet and seven inches in circumference. Despite its extreme age it is still healthful and vigorous and never fails to bear in fruit. People hearing about the tree go to see it when in the neighborhood. The farm on which it stands is now owned by John, a brother of Isadore.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Sept. 2, 1921.)

Married

One of the most pleasant social events of the season was the marriage of Mr. Henry J. Mann and Miss Anna Tableman, which occurred at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Tableman, at two o'clock Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Eugene Alleck of Clay City, performing the nuptial ceremony, after which a sumptous feast was spread and enjoyed by a host of invited relatives and friends.

Many beautiful and useful presents were received. A social dance was given in honor of the occasion on Monday evening on the excellent floor of Mr. Dilger's flouring mill, where the young couple's friends tripped "the light fantastic" until the wee small hours bid them depart with merry hearts leaving their congratulations and best wishes with the bride and groom.

The couple are two of our most highly respected young people. Mr. Mann is our merchant and postmaster and is doing a prosperous business and with his new bride will become a permanent acquision to our town. May their journey over life's billowing sea be calm and peaceful and their life one continual honeymoon is the wish of Natty Bumppo.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 26, 1892.)

Pigeon news

Lost: Just above town about a hundred yards, the bottom of the road. The finder will please hang it up in the sun to dry.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 26, 1892.)

Died

On the evening of the 14th of June, 1875, Clara Elizabeth, daughter of John G. and Caroline Eigenman, aged about five years. The remains were deposited in the Rockport Cemetery on the 16th inst., followed by a large number of relatives and friends.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 19, 1875.)

Lake Mills

Last Friday, Uncle Abe Huffman and his wife celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary. They are the oldest couple in this neighborhood. Quite a large number of relatives and friends spent the day with them and at night the young folks gathered in for a social party and all enjoyed themselves hugely.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Nov. 24, 1883.)

Broom factory

At Eureka, I am now located at Eureka, and am prepared to make all kinds of brooms at reasonable prices, from 10-12 1/2 and 15 cents each according to finish. Give me a call. Yours respectfully, A.H. Woods.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 19, 1884.)

By Erma Purviance, Reporter

The Spencer County Historical Society met Jan. 3 at the Rockport Library with president Steve Sisley in charge. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer reported membership is up to 120 members. She had filled out the end-of-the-year reports and sent in to the state. It was reported the *1830 Census of Indiana* book was sold out. Also the *Chrisney Heritage* books are all sold.

The nominating committee met Dec. 29 and made their selection, which will be announced at a later date.

Sisley had been to the Lincoln Memorial to exchange some Lincoln information.

Maybe for the February meeting the president will have heard from the library consultants meeting through Marylee Vogel.

The president reported on information he had from Grandview Aluminum, on the size and cost to replace the marker on E. Main in Rockport. Duane Walter will check with Schums at Dale. Discussion on "if" and "when" it should be done, should we wait for the state historical marker in a year or two or ask for donations.

The program for the Historian of the Year banquet is in the planning stages. Charles Beren and Sisley will see about arrangements and reservations.

The next meeting of the Spencer County Historical Society will be Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Library.

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Two girls are deserted on a railroad

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Children deserted

Two girls, one 10 years old, and the other 18 months old were deserted by a drunken father and mother on the railroad track near the ice plant last Tuesday afternoon. The parents wandered around town until Wednesday morning when they were ordered to leave town, which they did. The children were taken to the orphans home. The family's name is Bolin. They came here from Tell City.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 3, 1904.)

Sudden death

William McCoy, a highly respected citizen of this township, died very suddenly at his home near Cross Roads Church last Saturday night. He was in Rockport on Saturday and seemed to be in excellent health. He returned home in the afternoon and it is said ate a hearty supper and at the time he returned had not complained of being sick.

Sometime during the night his wife was awakened by hearing him groan and he died in a few minutes. Mr. McCoy was a highly respected citizen and was about 55 years of age at the time of his death. He was a blacksmith and was well known throughout the community in which he resided.

The funeral took place Monday and the remains were intered in Hackleman's Cemetery, the Rev. Hole conducting the funeral services.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 13, 1892.)

A rural wedding

The event of the season took place Thursday evening. The elite of the city and country for "miles and miles around" gathered at Mt. Zion Church in the Richland section at half past six o'clock to witness the marriage of Mr. Charles Squier and Miss Ida Axton.

The ceremony performed by the Rev. Grim, was beautiful and very impressive. It was short and sweet no doubt the young couple thought, if others did not. We echo the prayer of the Elder "may the little bark thus launched always sail in smooth waters on a long voyage."

After the ceremony, all repaired or adjourned to the commodius residence of Mr. D.J. Axton, father of the bride, where they were seated at tables well spread and loaded down with the good things of the land. The magnificent feast was enjoyed by all and ye (always hungry) editor made no small impression there, we promise you. Don't ask who was there, but who was not there. The center table in the parlor was loaded down with handsome presents from friends. Mine host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Axton, did the honors of the occasion in royal style.

Time and space forbids us giving the full particulars of an entertaiment that will long be remembered through-out ole Spencer County. The moon-light ride home was very picturesque and romantic to ye long housed up chronicler.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Sept. 15, 1883.)

Two local deaths

William Shrode died at his home near Knob City last Sunday morning at two o'clock and was buried Sunday evening in the Hackleman Cemetery in Grass Township. He was a soldier of the 25th Reg't Indian Vols., was a member of Spencer Post GAR and was buried by them accompanied by many relatives and friends. He leaves a wife and eight children, the eldest a daughter aged 16 years and the youngest is one month.

Died on last Sunday, at her home near Chrisney, Mrs. Maria Theresia Klotz, aged 64 years. She was buried in the Catholic Cemetery of this place, Monday afternoon. The Rev. Father Book, assisted by Father Miller of St. Meinrad, conducted the ceremony. A large number of relatives and friends attended the funeral.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Nov. 24, 1883.)

Query

Mary Hahn of 1201 Cedar, Richland, Wash., 99352, is researching the Adam Demsey family. In his obituary it is stated to be written by "Rockport Temple of Honor #42 James Turpen W.R." in 1857. Does anyone know what organization this is? She is also researching the Hahn family of Grass Township, Spencer County, Indiana.

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John Long's number seems to be "13"

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13 figures many times in life

Thirteen played a big part in the life of John Long, 73, 617 Read Street, who died at 8:05 a.m. Monday, which was Jan. 13. Long was born in Germany, Nov. 13, 1845, and came to America on the 13th day of the month at the age of 18.

He married Miss Elizabeth Romig on March 13, 1870 and took out naturalization papers on the 13th. He is survived by five children, John Long Jr. of Rockport, Mrs. J.L. Renshaw of Owensboro; Mrs. Lydia B. Hubbard of Detroit; Miss Clara Long of Evansville and Mrs. John Flaherty of Mt. Carmel, Ill. The funeral will be held at Rockport, his former home.

(Taken from a clipping from the Carrye Tabelman collection.)

Died in California

Joseph Rimstidt died very suddenly in Los Angeles, Calif., at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening. About the first of March, Mr. Rimstidt left Rockport on a trip of recreation and pleasure through the far west. A few days prior to his death a letter received here indicated that he was in good health and greatly enjoying his trip.

The family and friends here were greatly shocked Wednesday morning when two telegrams were received, the first announcing that he was unconscious and the latter that he had died at the time stated about from a paralytic stroke.

The body will be brought here for burial, leaving Los Angeles Wednesday evening. It will require about five days to reach Rockport. Mr. Rimstidt was about 31 years of age and was the junior member of the firm of Rimstidt Brothers, hardware merchants of this city. He was a genial, clever young man and had a host of friends here and in the county, who will be greatly pained to learn of his untimely death. He was one of Rockport's best and most obliging young business men.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 25, 1904.)

Batesville items

Mr. Richard Gilman and Mrs. Mary Lamar, both of this neighborhood are dangerously ill of typhoid pneumonia. William C. Ryker, one of our enterprising and go ahead farmers, paid a flying trip to Rockport a few days since to make his annual settlement with the treasurer. William C. Ryker's mother and brother, of Decatur County are spending a few days with him at his home on Corn Island. Mr. Ryker's mother is now in her 82nd year and is yet hale and hearty.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, April 12, 1884.)

Obituary

William Henry Eckman was born in Owen County, Ohio, May 11, 1828, removed to Spencer County, Indiana 1864 and died in Rockport March 17, 1884. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church when young and ever after maintained a good Christian character. He had been a great sufferer for nearly 20 years to which was added partial deafness, so much as to prevent him from hearing the word preached.

But he said that he had kept up the family altar as long as he had strength to kneel in prayer. He was expecting the summons and said that he was ready for the change to join his companion and two children in heaven, while one son and three daughters and many friends mourn their loss. His funeral services were impressive and very largely attended.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, March 22, 1884.)

Soldier update

Names are added as given and added to master list. This list will be published in the future to honor the veterans buried in our county.

Hamilton, Emmet, Oak Grove, WWI; Miller, Thompson, Oak Grove, WWI; Houle, Morris Shiloh, Korean; Hesson, Chester, Oak Hill; Bullock, Thomas E., Sunset Hill, 1812; Davis, Charles, Raider Farm, 1812 (please help us locate this grave); Howell, Mason J., Pleasant Valley; Hollander, Andrew, St. Joseph's.

Still is found

J.L. McDaniel, of Luce Township, and Otto Dawson of Grandview will be arraigned in court this Thursday afternoon to answer to a charge of possessing a still and manufacturing intoxicating liquor. A still and five barrels of mash were found Wednesday night on the McDaniel farm by Sheriff R.J. Woods.

(Taken from Rcckport Democrat, July 4, 1924.)

Query

George Littrell of 200 St. Andrews Blvd., Apt. 912, Winter Park, Fla. 32792-4227, wants death date and burial site of Catherine (Keas) Harter, mother of William, born 1817, and Henry.

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First white man in territory recorded

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Records of county

Daniel Grass was no doubt the first white man to this territory. His parents having been killed by the Indians and he escaping death by being in the fort, was left an orphan at an early age.

A Dr. Hinds, residing in Nelson County, Ky., took him to rear. When he grew into manhood he came here and entered land for Dr. Hinds.

Later he married Jane Smithers at Yellow Banks (Owensboro) and lived where now is the Gentry homestead, on the bluff in South Rockport. Records show that in 1807 he entered land in the town of Rockport.

Daniel Grass was the first judge, the first representative to Congress and through him the county was named Spencer. His oldest daughter, Elizabeth, was given in marriage to Jonathan Bukeye Greathouse, a tanner by trade, who, according to the recollection of the daughter. Margaret E. Wright, was the third citizen of Rockport. Judge Grass was instrumental in opening up this part of the county.

Charles M. Houghland

Charles M. Houghland, of this city, aged 41 years, 6 months and 7 days, died Monday evening at 11:10 o'clock at the home in Walnut Street in this city. The immediate cause of death was gastrirus, but Mr. Houghland has been ill about five weeks.

About five years ago he spent six months in California recuperating his health and returned home very much improved. After his return from the West he gave his attention to business again being the senior member of the firm of Houghland and Hardy, produce merchants, and although never as rugged as in former years he enjoyed reasonably good health until the past two months.

The funeral was held at the residence at 2 p.m. Wednesday, the Rev. E.H. Wood and Charles H. Armstrong conducting the services. Mr. Houghland was one of Rockport's best businessmen. He and Mr. T.R. Hardy have been engaged in the produce business here for the past nine years and the firm was quite successful and one of the most substantial in this part of the state.

Mr. Houghland's death occurred in the same room in which he was born. He leaves a wife and three children, one daughter, Miss Jennie, who is in California with Mr. Houghland's mother and two sons, Mason and Wright.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 11, 1904.)

Deaths

Died, Mr. Jake Stateler, on Saturday, March 28. Also, Mr. Charles McIntire, on Saturday, March 28, aged 89 years. Also, Antone Rebel, on Thursday morning, April 2nd, aged 48 years. Died on Sunday, March 29, 1885, Mrs. Ann F. Sheed, aged 82 years.

The funeral took place from her late residence Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock a.m., the Rev. Thompson officiating.

Died on Monday, March 30, at 7 o'clock p.m. George Adam Feigel, aged 50 years. The funeral took place from the residence Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m., the Rev. W.L. Nourse officiating.

Died Mrs. James Crowell at St. Louis, March 28th. The body was brought to this place Tuesday evening and buried in the Rockport Cemetery Wednesday. Mrs. Anna Lashbrook died on Thursday evening March 26th and was buried in Rockport Cemetery Friday.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, April 4, 1985.)

Abraham Lincoln

Eighty-seven years ago Wednesday, Feb. 12, Abraham Lincoln was born in what is now Larue County, Ky. Seven years later he immigated to Spencer County, Indiana, and at the age of 21 removed to Illinois. Thus three states especially can share in the honor of his birthday celebration--one, as the place of his nativity; another, as the home of his youth, and yet another as the state where he achieved his greatness. Every state in the Union should pass an act making the anniversary of his birth a legal holiday.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 14, 1896.)

Degonia

Our little village was a scene of a sad accident, Saturday. Mrs. David Royer, of near Midway, and daughter, Mrs. Kramer, of Spencer County, came here Saturday on business, and returning home, a short distance from the hotel, the horse began frightened, suddenly turned and throwing both women out, hurting Mrs. Kramer and killing Mrs. Royer, breaking her neck.

The deceased was about 80 years old. She leaves an aged husband, and several children. Uncle David Royer and wife, are probably as old as any couple living in Spencer County. Burial was on Monday.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Oct. 19, 1894.)

Queries

Barbara Lucas of 2411 Meadow Lane, Daytona Beach, Fla., 32014, is looking for information on Dennis Iglehart and wife, Winneyfred, parents of James H. born 1819. Also they need information on Thomas S. Lusk and wife, Elizabeth (Bowlen); Mackey family.

Ron Kaiser of Route 4, Box 135, Kleitz Road, Evansville, IN, 47712, is researching the following Spencer County families: Webb, Sutton and Oberhausen. He would like to correspond with other researchers and trade information.

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Accommodation train derails near Chrisney

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Trail derails

About 3 o'clock Monday afternoon the accommodation train on the Rockport branch of the Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Railroad jumped the track west of Chrisney and overturned. There was a large number of people on the train, but none were fatally injured.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Feb. 2, 1889.)

Enterprise

Death has again invaded our little town, claiming for his own, Mrs. Josephine Monarch, the estimable wife of Mr. John Monarch. Mrs. Monarch has been a sufferer for many years with a bad cough, and the ate weather was too severe for her. She leaves two small children motherless, and may the Lord protect hem, as we know the will, and give he bereaved husband strength to tand his affliction.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 19, 1884.)

Civil War veteran dies

Mahlon Wire, of this city, a oldier of the Civil War, died last Sunday morning after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church at 10:30 a.m. Burial was in Hackleman Cemetery, he Rev. C.E. Koertze conducting the ervice. A wife, five daughters, a tepson and 26 grandchildren survive. Mr. Wire was a soldier, a fifer, n the Civil War and was enthusistic and well known.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 11, 1924.)

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When the Civil War broke out, the um beat, the fife played and the call for volunteers was given. This part of the country did her share in giving up her sons to fight a cause in behalf of justice and humanity. It is interesting to know that the following families contributed to the War of 1860. The Bradys sent 9, the Snyders, Smalls and Barnetts sent 8, the Hamiltons 7, the Stutevilles 6, the Lusks and Wrights each 5, Schuylers 4, the Winklers and Kirkhams 3, Coxes, Sawyers and Garretts each 2, and Wagoners, Youngs, Millers, each one. These and other families making in all 125 persons. The same courage, the same heroism, the same convictions for justice that was in the pioneer fathers and mothers, was manifested by their loyal sons and daughters in the dark days of the '60s.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 9, 1911.)

Wilford Sarver

Between the sunrise and sunset of the life just closed a stretched a period of 59 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was married to Matilda Roush at the early age of about 19 years. The Lord blessed this union, made life pleasant and established a truly happy home by the coming of nine children into it, five boys and four girls. The boys are Floyd, Clem, August, Shirley and Fred, all of whom live to mourn the untimely death of a loving father and a true and honorable citizen.

The daughters are Orpha, who died in infancy, Mrs. Flora Mayer, Mrs. Lula Haaf and Mrs. Bertha Mayer. He leaves three brothers, Willard of Piggott, Ark., Arnold B. of Grandview, Otto of Newtonville, two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Lowell of Grandview and Mrs. Cora Hutchinson of Washington, D.C. He also leaves behind him his aged stepmother, Rachel Sarver of Newtonville.

Life was always, for Wilford, a brimming cup where he was not so freely given to expression, his own inner life and deepest experiences were hidden behind a veil of high and fine reticence and reserve. In the various trials of sorrow, which came to him, as to everyone, his steadfast trust in love at the heart of every manifestation of the great purpose that animated the universe kept him unafraid and victorious. He was a member in good standing of the Richland City No. 577 I OO BRAND MWA. He leaves a truly devoted wife to travel Life's pathway without him. This reads the obituary of Wilford Sarver, born Jan. 6, 1865, departed this life June 13, 1924.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 20, 1924.)

Oak Grove death

Miss Ellen Karney, aged about 70 years, died Sunday night.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 24, 1896.)

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MARch 9, 1989

Man murdered in Rockport

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Murder at Rockport

Robert Burr, shot and killed Samuel A. Williamson, at Rockport, Sunday night. It was charged that Burr was paying illicit attentions to Williamson's wife. Both are about 27 years of age. Burr is in jail. Williamson's funeral was Tuesday.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Oct. 19, 1894.)

Rock Hill

Mrs. Malinda Bushrod was brought from Louisville last Saturday and buried in Johnson Cemetery on Sunday. Only a few days ago her sister was laid to Rest in Rockport Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 31, 1897.)

Deer captured in Ohio River Sunday

A deer was captured last Sunday in the Ohio River near Enterprise as it swam toward shore. Joe Masters, the captor, went out in his motor boat and easily caught the animal which was almost famished by the cold water and its long swim and perhaps chased by dogs. The deer was secured by a rope and dragged into the boat and brought to shore. Its fatigued condition made it easy to handle.

Deputy Game Warden J.F. Bauman was notified and took charge of the animal and made arrangements to have it kept on the farm of John G. Haines, wither it was taken Thursday afternoon. The captive is a doe about two years old and although quite exhausted, became more alive to its surroundings after recovering from the shock and struggle in the water. Marks on the deer's ears indicate that it is likely a pet escaped from somewhere in Kentucky.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 20, 1925.)

Mrs. Mary T. Parsley dies

Mrs. Mary T. Parsley, wife of Richard M. Parsley, living in the Oak Grove neighborhood, died suddenly last Saturday morning, of heart trouble. Mrs. Parsley took ill Friday afternoon and death came about 10:00 o'clock Saturday.

Her husband, two sons, Sam A. and James D. Parsley, and one daughter, Mrs. Ed Wilkinson, and 11 grandchildren survive. The funeral was held Sunday at Shiloh at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. W.H. Minter conducted the service. The following obituary was read:

Mary Tennessee Parsley was the daughter of Mary and Alsop Muray, born Jan. 13, 1846, in Tennessee, coming to this state when 5 years old. She was united in marriage to Richard M. Parsley Dec. 20, 1868 and to this union eight children were born, five of whom have been called home. The living are Mrs. Ed Wilkinson, James and Sam Parsley. Mrs. Parsley was a home woman, having been an invalid for five years, two of which she was not able to get about, but was always bearing her suffering with Christian patience and expressing herself ready to go.

She was converted when young at the Ohio Baptist Church, under the pastorate of the Rev. Veech, and later moved her membership to Oak Grove M.E. Church under the pastorate of the Rev. Dan Davis. Mrs. Parsley at the time of her death was 78 years, 5 months and 3 days. She leaves to mourn besides her immediate family, one sister, Mrs. Rachel Vandyke, 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 22, 1924.)

Marriage Licenses

Peter A. Simon to Veronica K. Doerfer, Zack Harnessfigger to Belle Barbers, Henry C. Trenary to Margaret Held, W.C. Shaw to Sallie F. Ross, George R. Erwin to Hettie Chapman, Daniel Walters to Hester E. Dawson.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Feb. 6, 1886.)

Postmasters of Dale

Taken from history of Dale: McKasson, James Hammond, John J. Turnham, Allen Medcalf, A.W. Wallace, S.F. Johnson.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 17, 1905.)

Old tree

The Lincoln cedar tree, planted by Abraham Lincoln at the old homestead of Lincoln City is dying, and the owner A.J. Rhodes, is negotiating for the sale of it to Eastern parties. It is to be sold intact.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 8, 1905.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

March 16, 1989

John Haaff is laid to rest

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

An aged citizen at rest

The tolling of the church bells last Saturday afternoon carried the sad news throughout the community that John Jacob Haaff, a hugely respected citizen of our town, had quietly breathed his last, after several months of patient suffering with dropsy, which resulted in heart trouble, the immediate cause of his death. He had been resting easier for several days and on Saturday morning said that in a day or two he would be able to come down town.

About noon he asked his good wife to prepare him some soup and while she was gone he lay down, lying on his side as if taking his rest, and fell into that deep sleep which knows no earthly wakening.

Mr. Haaff was born the 18th day of April, 1827, in Westheim, by Germersheim on the Rhine, Germany. He emigrated to this country in the year 1850 in the month of October. July 13, 1852, he was married to Christena Ritter and 12 children were born unto them, seven sons and five daughters of whom one son and two daughters had gone on before him to their eternal home. Six sons, Adam, Henry, Jacob and Fred Haaf, of Newtonville, Samuel S. and Chris Haaff, of this place, and three daughters, Mrs. Mary Maas of near this place, Mrs. Christena Mueller, of near Newtonville, and Mrs. Anna Turton, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and his faithful wife, with whom he had been united in marriage for 45 years and three months, he left behind to mourn his departure.

During a long life of 70 years, 6 months and 12 days Mr. Haaff fulfilled his life work earnestly and faithfully. He began life on his father's farm in his native country where he received a good education. While a resident of New York he followed cabinet making and upon coming to this state he worked at the carpenter and joiner's trade, but since 1854 had turned his attention principally to farming in which vocation he amassed considerable wealth, retiring from active life a few years ago and locating here.

He was a charter member of the Grandview IOOF lodge and a charter member of the IOOF Encampment at Rockport, having joined the IOOF lodge about the year 1863. He was a member of the Chrisney Presbyterian Church for two years, living a faithful Christian. Thus a well spent life is ended. The remains were buried in the Lutheran Cemetery at Centerville Monday afternoon.

(Taken from the Carrye Tabelman collection)

1860 Spencer County, Hammond Twp. Indiana

Haaff, Jacob 32 Ger., Cristena 27 at sea, Mar E. 6 Ind., George A. (Adam) 5 Ind., John H. (Henry) 2 Ind., Ritter, Rachel 75 Ger.

Haaff Cemetery

This family cemetery was read in 1986 for publication. It is located at the intersection of CR 400E and 750N. The society regrets that all stones were not located at that time as this cemetery has been descecrated and a recent trip to the spot proved our rumored fears.

A few broken stones are near a tree away from the original burial location. A broken stone proved to be one not found in 1986 and probably is of the son as listed in the obituary above. The only information was a death date of 20, Nov. 1856. Other listings are as follows: Haaff, Magie M., 21, Sept. 1868, 27, March 1869, d/o JJ & C (no longer there) Haaff, Louisa, 24, Aug. 1862, 2, Oct. 1884, d/o John J. & Christina Haaff, Col. John J. (no longer there).

Christina Haaff passes away

Mrs. Christina Ritter Haaff, aged 83 years, 6 months and 19 days died last Sunday at 2 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Miller near Newtonville. She was ill several days of the grip. The funeral was held at Centerville Wednesday, the Rev. Piepenbrock conducting the service.

Mrs. Haaff is survived by six sons, Henry, Samuel, Jacob, Fred and Adam of this county, and Chris of Vincennes, and three daughters, Mrs. Phillip Maas and Mrs. Charles Miller of this county and Mrs. William Turton of Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 28, 1916.)

Note: According to Christina Haaff's death certificate, her father was named Martin Ritter.

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MARCh 23, 1989

John Kitchen's boat of produce sinks

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Kitchen produce boat sinks

A flat boat loaded with potatoes, flour, beans, hay and straw, owned by John R. Kitchen, left the upper landing at this city last Tuesday for the sunny south, but before it reached Owensboro a great gale was encountered, threatening to swamp the craft.

An effort was made by the crew to land on this side, but the wind carried them against the Kentucky shore just above Owensboro, where the boat was lashed by the waves until she sprang a leak, and, despite all efforts to save her, she went down at 10:30 that night. The men kept the pumps going until the most of the flour and beans were taken out, when the boat went down. The loss is estimated at $2,500 and was without insurance.

The boat was an old one and insurance companies refused to take the risk. The following was the crew on board: Frank Rixter, pilot; William M. Wright, super cargo; Sam Stuteville, Joe Balderson, James Denny, Frank Faught Jr., William Zenor, Charles N. Masterson, Andy Willison, Charles Carter, Edwin Sugg and Charles L. Washer.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 21, 1896.)

80th birthday party

A birthday dinner was given last Sunday noon at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Schriener in honor of her 80th birthday. Thirty members of her immediate family were present. Those from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. George Schriener and granddaughter, Gerald and Glenna Voyles, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Schriener and two children and Henry Schriener, all of Evansville, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Claude Hati and Mr. and Mrs. John Gamble of Owensboro, Mr. and Mrs. George Schieble of Tell City.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 24, 1924.)

Chrisney Sun Iiem

Daniel McKinzie, the old citizen of Spencer County and one of its first settlers, died at his daughter's home, Mrs. Sarah A. Miller, in Clay Township, last Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, April 23, 1896, of dropsy, aged 96 years. His remains were peacefully consigned to earth in Little Pigeon Cemetery last Friday.

Note: No stone was found in 1986.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 8, 1896.)

Jane Shimer gone home

Mrs. Jane Shimer died at her home here on Locust Street early Tuesday morning, Jan. 27, 1914, of general debility. Aged about 82 years. She is the widow of Ezekial Shimer who has gone on before several years. Mrs. Shimer has been a patient sufferer for several months. She was a good neighbor, a devoted mother and friend.

The funeral services were held at the residence Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. R.A. Stevens, of Newtonville. The burial was at the Little Pigeon Cemetery.

(Taken from the Carrye Tabelman Collection.)

Hatfield man dies

Antone Schertzinger, aged 71 years, died Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home in Hatfield, death being due to hardening of the arteries. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the residence and the remains were buried in the Hatfield Cemetery, the Rev. Millard Brittingham of Hatfield conducting the services.

Mr. Schertzinger was born in New York but moved to Hatfield when a small boy. He married Miss Anna Eliza Johnson of Eureka in 1881. Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Lena Ebley of Boonville, Mrs. Carrie Fortune of Evansville, one son, Henry of Hatfield. He also leaves two brothers and two sisters, Will S. of Rockport, John S. of Red Brush, Mrs. Casper Gager of Rockport and Mrs. Carrie Metzger of Red Brush. Mr. Schertzinger was a retired farmer.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 26, 1925.)

92-year-old goes to better land

Died Thursday, Dec. 22, at the home of his niece, Mrs. Harmon Vote, William M. Spencer. Mr. Spencer was born at Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1818 on Oct. 18th, being 92 years, 2 months and 14 days old. He was married to Nancy Ann Shrodes in 1848.

To this union two children were born. Both preceded him to the better land. He leaves a wife who is very feeble in advanced years. Services were held at the house by the Rev. Conway. Interment was at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 30, 1910.)

Queries

Norma Millwee of 4011 Kiva Trail SW, Los Lunas, N.M., 87031, would like to contact with any Schoolfield, Clement, Bufkin, Thorpe/Tharp descendants.

Sharon Patmore of Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind., 47611, would like to correspond with any Kitchen researchers of the Spencer-Warrick County area. John and Nancy Kitchen were here in 1850 aged 55 and 56, respectively. The following are known children: Ann Wright, William Jefferson m. Prudence Weller, Eliza Stewart, Dennis m. Sophia Weller, Charles m. Mary E. Hopkins, America m. George W. Harper, Taylor died in 1849, and possible Mary m. Samuel Watson. She will share all information and answer every letter.

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Hatchie Scrimmage is remembered

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Thirty-one years ago yesterday, Oct. 5, 1862, will long be remembered by some of our citizens who participated in the Hatchie River Scrimmage. The 25th and 53rd Ind. were there, both made up largely from this part of the state and Spencer County.

Gen. Veatch commanding 2d brigade, 4th division, was wounded inside by fragment of shell; Frank Bridges left a leg there; E.E. Staten an arm; W.T. Mason part of his shoulder; John Loney's head was not as hard as the rebel bullet and many others were wounded and killed. Boys, do you remember the poem entitled, "Hell on the Hatchie" and who was the author? Van Dorn Price & Co., wasn't "in it," were they?

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 6, 1893.)

Israel Dane dies at 79 years

Mr. Israel Dane aged about 79 years died at the residence of Mr. John Varner in this city last Monday and the funeral took place on Tuesday. He never married, but leaves several relatives in this county.

He erected a tombstone at his grave about one year ago and had all the inscriptions placed except the date of his death. Mr. Dane was born in Thompkins County, N.Y., in 1816, removed to Hamilton County, Ohio, in 1822 and to California by wagon in 1852 where he worked 15 years digging gold. Mine caved in on him, hurting his hip and crippling him for life. He returned to Spencer County 28 years ago.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 24, 1896.)

Revolutionary soldier reported in 1930

Boonville, Ind., Oct. 24, 1930

Mr. U.S. Lindsey, I see by the *Journal* today that Mrs. Pattie hasn't been able to learn of any other Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in Spencer County. Our grandfather McCoy was a soldier in the Revolutionary War; was at the Seige of Yorktown.

He is buried in Luce Township on the Moffett farm. He was my and your mother's grandfather. I also see that Mr. Henry Prosser has been on a visit to old Spencer County. Would like to have seen him. I thought so much of his mother. She and my mother were girls together. I used to rather hear her talk about old times than to eat. I will not take more of your time only wish to say that I hope our ticket will be successful.

Kate W. Wilder
RR3, Box 8

Note: Mrs. Wilder before her marriage was Miss Kate Whitney. She also asks for Mr. Prosser's address and since others have asked for it, we give it. Henry W. Prosser, 3448 Golden Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 31, 1930.)

Carnegie Library possible

If the officials of Rockport and Ohio Township will do their plain duty, we will have a $17,000 Carnegie Library building erected in the city this spring. The matter is up to these officials and we trust they will see the light and do their plain official duty without quibbling over technicalities.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 21, 1916.)

Note: If you haven't visited the Spencer County Library at Rockport or the Grandview Library lately, please do so and see progress with unbelievable speed. Within the year, both libraries will be completely rebuilt and will aid the residents of Spencer County for many generations to come. Our hats off to the governing officials of the library board and all interested parties involved.

Former resident buried here

The remains of a former Mrs. Annie Smith of Grandview are to be buried near her sister in the Grandview Cemetery this afternoon. After the death of her husband, William Smith, she married Jasoer Gillette of Rockport. She had been living at Peoria, Ill., for some time and died at that place. Services are to be held at the Axton Funeral Parlor at 2:30 and burial will follow. We were unable to contact anyone for more information.

(Taken from The Monitor, April 18, 1935.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS April 6, 1989

Birthday party held for Miss Zettie

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Birthday party in 1885

Two miles east of town, at the usual hour, a large number of invited guests assembled at the residence of Aaron Ayer to celebrate a birthday by Miss Zettie, his daughter. A nice little shower of presents fell in Miss Zettie's hands and in return she seated the members around board to a sumptous supper. Every one enjoyed themselves hugely until a late hour when the crowd departed for home wishing Miss Zettie many more birthdays.

(This article was taken from one of 26 issues of *The Sun* recently given to the Spencer County Historical Society by the Lindsey family of Rockport. Thanks!)

(Taken from The Sun, Sept. 24, 1885.)

Dies at age 105

Anderson Tomason, perhaps the oldest citizen of Indiana, died in this city last Saturday, at the advanged age of 105 years. Tomason was born in North Carolina but removed to Daviess County, Ky., when about 12 years old, crossing the Alleghanies in a wagon.

For 73 years he lived in slavery, his first master being Nelson Tomason. Of his 12 children but one lived to see him buried. His endurance was remarkable, for until his last sickness he walked wherever he wished, but for several years he had been totally blind.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 24, 1895.)

Karney-Risse marriage

Miss Callie R. Karney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Karney of this city and Mr. John Risse of Owensboro, Ky., were united in marriage at 6 o'clock last Saturday evening at the Methodist parsonage. The Rev. M.O. Robbins performed the ceremony in the presence of only a few friends of the bride and groom, including Ralph and Miss Ruby Karney, brother and sister of the bride, Misses Miller, Young and Anna Karney of this city and William Grass of Troy.

The bride, who is a member of the 1919 graduating class of Rockport High School, wore her graduating gown of Nile green satin and georgette with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Risse left immediately after the ceremony for Owensboro where they will make their home.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 13, 1919.)

Life ends Saturday

Heart failure following an attack of "flu" caused the sudden death Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon of William Kubortz of Grass Township at his farm home near Zoar Church. Mr. Kubortz was just recovering from the "flu."

He had gone into the barn lot where Charles Jones was doing some work. He talked a few minutes with Mr. Jones when he fell forward upon his face and expired without uttering a word. Mr. Kubortz was past 41 years of age and leaves a wife and four sons, William, 14; Arthur, 12; Henry, 9; and Ralph, 7. The sons and Mrs. Kubortz are all confined of the "flu." The funeral will be held at Zoar Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 5, 1920.)

Queries

Richard A. Johnson of 9117 Valley Ave East, Puyallup, Wash. 98371, is looking for proof of parents of Alta Beeler Morris, born 1881, near Folsomville, Warrick County, Ind., and had a brother, Charles, born about 1878.

Helen Whetstone of R.R.1, Box 171, Clayton, Ind. 46118, wants to know about Stites, would like to correspond with anyone who is interested in this surname. Particularly those who are interested in John Gano Stites, born Sept. 1788, NJ, married Martha Cory in NJ, Lucinda Harinton on June 12, 1831. They lived in Butler County, Ohio, and then Spencer County, Ind. He died after 1850 census. Children: Margaret Darby, Joseph C., John G. Jr., Abigail C., Charlolle W. William H., Mary C., James. All children born in Ohio. He removed to Spencer County after 1844.

Pioneer of Spencer County laid to rest

Another of the pioneers of Spencer County has passed away in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, which occurred on Saturday last at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. A.R. Gentry, with whom she had made her home for some time. Elizabeth Brown was born in Nelson County, Ky., and came to Spencer County with her parents in 1819, settling about two miles west of Rockport.

On the 28th day of April, 1825, she was united in marriage with Lewis Snyder, and to them were born six children, five daughters and one son, of whom the following are living: N.M. Snyder, Mrs. Clarissa Jane Ingram and Mrs. Eliza Gentry. Had she lived until the 9th of next month she would have been a widow for 56 years, her husband having died Aug. 9, 1839.

She often stated that she could remember seven generations of her own family, her great-grandfather, grandfather, parents, her immediate family, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a kind, good woman and was respected by all who knew her.

Funeral took place from the residence of Mr. A.R. Gentry at 10 o'clock last Sunday, the Rev. H.T. Lampton conducting the service, and the remains were laid to rest in the family graveyard on the old homestead, as per her request. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

Note: Born Oct. 26, 1804; died July 20, 1895.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 26, 1895.)

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Four in family graduate in the spring

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Four in family graduate

Mr. and Mrs. John Pyle have four graduating in their family this spring. Miss Goldye Pyle graduated from Depauw University, Alvin Pyle from West Point Military Academy, Miss Esther Pyle from the Rockport High School and Taylor Pyle graduated from the local eighth grade.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 6, 1919.)

In memoriam

Died at her residence in Luce Township, on Thursday, Dec. 26th A.D., 1872, after a brief but severe illness, Mrs. Hannah Richardson, aged 87 years. The deceased was the widow of Ebenezer Richardson, who died in the fall of 1854, and the mother of Hon. William B. Richardson, Lewis W. Richardson and the late John W. Richardson, deceased.

Mother Richardson or rather "Grandmother Richardson" as she was familiarly known by the present generation, was one among the oldest inhabitants of Spencer County. She with her husband came here 40 years ago from Perry County and settled on the farm near Eureka, where she died. Her parents were among the earliest settlers of Kentucky, and the good old lady often told her children and grandchildren, the story of the sufferings and privations of the early immigrants to the "dark and bloody ground" as Kentucky was then called, and how they used to be cooped up in Block Houses and Forts, to save themselves from the Indians.

She was a remarkably hale hearty old lady, blessed with good health, great activity and untiring perserverance. Only a few weeks before her death, she had walked from her house to her sons, Hon. William B. Richardson, and back, a distance of several miles. As a matter of choice she lived in the old homestead, built by her late husband, and where she had raised a large and interesting family of children.

True, many of her loved ones had preceded her to the "good land" where sorrow comes not, and tears are unknown, but she had lived to see the others comfortably settled around her. A nobler heart never beat in the breast of a human, and a kinder mother lived not, than Mother Richardson.

The poor of the neighborhood will miss her, and her children and grandchildren will long mourn her departure, to that blessed home, whither we are all hastening. By why should they mourn? Their loss is her gain. She lived to bless them until a ripe old age, and now rests in glory and in the companionship of a beloved husband. In life they lived and loved each other and in death, they are not divided.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 4, 1873.)

Moves to Kentucky

William Ferguson, one of our most industrious citizens moved his family to Kentucky the first of the week where they will make their future home. We wish them success, and regret very much to lose them as citizens.

Miss Bender sick with typhoid

Miss Julia Bender is ill with that dreaded disease, typhoid fever. She is getting along as well as could be expected, and it is hoped by her many friends, that they will soon see her restored to perfect health.

(Taken from The Sun, Sept. 24, 1885.)

Twenty years ago (1891)

Twenty-two were baptized at Lincoln City Sunday. Warren Harris and son, Presley, of Missouri are visiting their old home at Lamar. Mrs. Carl Thorn died Sunday on their boat near the lower landing. Alice Dickerson, a daughter of Dave McFarland, died, aged 27 years.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 9, 1911.)

Military matrimonial affair

Thomas Dodd, color bearer in the 3rd Kentucky Regiment in the Union Army, and Mrs. Anna Wesley Coil, widow of Patrick Coil, a confederate soldier, were married at Grandview, Tuesday. Squire Finch, the well known pension attorney, officiated. It seems to have been somewhat of a military as well as a matrimonial affair.

(Taken from Rockport Journal May 29, 1896.)

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April 20, 1989

Stepro's money is stolen in pawn shop

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Heavy loss in Evansville

Steve Stepro, a tenant farmer on William Tidley's farm, delivered his corn last week and took a check on an Evansville bank. He went to Evansville last Saturday and cashed the check and then visited a pawn shop where they were selling watches and remained some little time.

After leaving the pawn shop he walked some two or three blocks and felt for his money, and it was gone, and he thinks it was stolen while he was in the pawn shop. Mr. Stepro is a sober, hard-working man and the loss of the money, $265, is a heavy loss to him. He has the sympathy of all who know him.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 31, 1896.)

Aged woman succombs

Eliza A. Mackey, aged 89 years, died last Monday at her home in Chrisney. Mrs. Mackey had been ill about three years. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church and burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery at Chrisney. The Rev. W.R. Thom conducted the services. Mrs. Mackey was the mother of Mrs. Pharoah Chrisney.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 11, 1920.)

Suicide attempt

News reached the city by a passenger on the Air Line Monday night, that the citizens of Gentryville were in a state of great excitement over the supposed attempt of Dr. James H. Bryant to commit suicide by taking an overdose of morphine.

When found he was unconscious, and it was supposed had been so for three or four hours. His son, Dr. J.H. Bryant, was called in and rendered every possible assistance. The patient was restored to consciousness and relapsed, but again rallied, and when the train passed Gentryville at 8:25 he was resting quietly, though fears were entertained that he would not recover.

It is supposed that financial troubles caused the doctor to commit the rash act. He was security for several friends, and had paid large sums for them, but was not reduced to extreme necessity, having a home and a lucrative practice to support himself and wife. Dr. Bryant is one of the pioneers of Spencer County, having emigrated from Kentucky when a small boy.

He is a self-made man, gaining a knowledge of text books by hard study, when the school system was in its infancy. He served through the Mexican War, and a great portion of the last, was as captain of Company H 42nd regiment. He ranks among the best physicians of Spencer County. *Evansville Courier.*

(Taken from The Sun, Dec. 31, 1885.)

Clocks for sale

J.H. Bishop is now selling Seth Thomas Shell Column at $6.25 and Seth Thomas O.G. at $5.25 and all others in proportion. This is the cheapest house in town. Don't fail to call and get the worth of your money.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 18, 1872.)

Another pioneer gone

The subject of this notice, Julia Brown, daughter of William and Anna Johnston, was born in South Carolina, Nov. 30, 1806, and with her parents moved to Daviess County, Ky., in 1812, then to Warrick County, Ind., in 1818. In September 1830, she was married to John C. Brown of Spencer County, Ind., on the farm on which she lived until her death July 3, 1895 having lived on the same farm 65 years.

To this sacred union were born seven children, all whom lived to mature age. She had 39 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Her companion preceded her, [illegible]g died on the 23rd of March, 1872.

She joined the Methodist Church Sept. 8, 1850, and was baptized by the Rev. Thomas Goodwin. Her life was unimpeachable, her friends were all who knew her. Her kind acts extended to all. It was her delight to relieve want and attend the sick and dying. In 1851, when the cholera raged in her neighborhood she left her home day and night she went from house to house attending the sick and preparing the dead for burial. When all others were stricken with fear she went boldly forward in what she felt was her duty. One more incident--at two different times she weaned her own child to take other children to her breast to relieve suffering and save life, and at another time loaned her own child to a suffering mother until the child would not recognize her, when she could stand it no longer.

A volume could be filled with the noble deeds of her grand life. Farewell mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. We will meet you some sweet day by and by.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 12, 1895.)

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April 27, 1989

Court in Lincoln City has stayed busy

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Court in Lincoln City

Police court at Lincoln City has been grinding some the past few days. Union Douglas was fined $10 for running a game and Jim Murray was fined for taking part in it. John McDaniel is laid up with the mumps and he has not yet been tried for shooting Douglas.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 24, 1911.)

Young Rockport man dies

Henry Karney, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Karney, died at the home of his parents in Rockport at 12:15 p.m. today, Thursday, after a long siege of typhoid fever, aged about 38 years. His mother was Miss Alma Conner and lived in Chrisney when a girl. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

(Taken from The Sun, Jan. 25, 1935.)

For sale

Small pea huller, wagon and other farm implements, gas engine, eight horse power, one Oakland speedster with five passenger body, at a bargain, extra good driving horse, household furniture including rugs, buffet, dining chairs, child's bed. Ray S. Mattingley, telephone 419, N. 3rd Street, Rockport, IN.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 16, 1920.)

onsort of Isaac Hill passes on

Martha Hill, consort of Isaac Hill, as born in North Carolina, April 4, 819; died in Chrisney, Ind., July 18, 885. The deceased was a member of he Methodist Episcopal Church for any years, but as a matter of onvenience, she united with the U.B. hurch a few years ago, there being a lace of worship near where she esided of that denomination.

The deceased was loved by all who new her. She no doubt died prepared or the change. Her father and mother ere well known citizens--the late aniel Felly and wife--they having esided near Tippecanoe for many ears. The bereaved family has the ympathy of a large circle of friends.

(Taken from The Sun, July 23, 885.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Emmons

Mrs. Elizabeth Emmons died last Saturday at 2 a.m. The funeral was held Sunday, the Rev. W.H. Lamar conducting the service. The interment was in Stark Cemetery and the service at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ada Byers. The following obituary was read at the funeral:

Elizabeth M. Oskins was born in Jackson Township, Spencer County, Indiana, Oct. 26, 1831, and departed this life at 2 a.m. April 12, 1919 at the advanced age of four score and seven years. She was united in the holy bond of matrimony Oct. 30, 1847, to William Emmons, who preceded her to the better world. To this union were born nine children, six daughters, Nancy, who died in infancy, Mesdames Lydia McCoy of Rockport, Harriett Brown of Jackson Township, Frances Mills of Evansville, Ada M. Byers of Jackson Township and Eva Heady of Grass and three sons, namely: Jacob D., William F., both of Jackson Township and Joseph G. of Buffaloville.

Besides the above named she leaves to mourn her departure 14 grandchildren, also a host of other relatives and friends. Their early matrimonial career was in common with the life of those sturdy pioneers who furnished the best citizenship of those primitive days, thus assisting in hewing the way, as it were in making Indiana one of the greatest commonwealths of our beloved union.

The judicous counsel of Mrs. Emmons contributed in no small way to the financial success of her husband, who acquired a large tract of land in Jackson Township, thus amply providing for their children. Mrs. Emmons united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Little Zion, Warrick County, about 55 years ago.

She ever after lived a true and devoted Christian life. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Emmons continued housekeeping until some 10 years ago. Since that time she has made her home with her son, William F. About a year ago, however, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ada Byers, she was stricken ill and was never able to return home. She was a true and faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother and a kind and generous neighbor. Her long continued illness was borne with Christian fortitude and patience, thus adding another link to the long chain of evidences that her Savior has called her to a perfect state of happiness forever

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 18, 1919.)

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Hunting accident happens while crossing river

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is presented in the same form it was originally written.)

Hunting accident

A serious accident happened to George Niblack last Tuesday morning while attempting to cross the river on a hunting expedition. He had Hickory Riley as his engineer and a leaky skiff, which sank when about halfway across the river. Mr. Niblack succeeded in swimming ashore in an exhausted condition while Hickory hung on to the skiff that was turned bottom side up until the ferryman came to his assistance and rescued him from a watery grave. A fine double barreled shotgun, ammunition and the balance of the hunting outfit was lost in the river.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Oct. 13, 1883.)

Death of Vitus Killian

Died: At his residence in Rockport, on Sunday morning, Dec. 6, 1885, at 3 o'clock a.m. Mr. Vitus Killian, aged 78 years, 7 months and 23 days. He was a native of Sickingen, Groshertzochtum Baden, Germany. He was born April 12, 1807, and was married to Miss Elenora Abhoff Oct. 10, 1830. They lived in their native country 18 years, and emigrated to this country in 1848, settling on a farm in Spencer County, near Centerville, Grass Township, Ind.

He removed to Rockport in 1875. His married life extended over 55 years. He was the father of nine children whose names are: Mrs. A. Kohlbecker, Charles, William, Mrs. S. Honig, Rudolph, Albert, Mrs. Emma Rebal, Mrs. S. Berger, Mrs. F. Wagner, and 43 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, making 60 in number and all are living and were present at his funeral. Mr. K. was a man of excellent habits and universally esteemed by all who knew him. Grandfather, as he was familiarly called, led a peaceful and honorable life, and his death is mourned by a large circle of relatives and acquaintences. The funeral services were held at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock p.m.; Rev. J.W. Book officiating, and was largely attended. he was baptized, lived and died in Catholic faith. "Requiescat in Pace."

(Taken from The Sun.)

Death at Midway

Mrs. Matilda Devine died at her home near Midway Tuesday of last week, aged about 60 years. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Kelley of the Free Methodist Church of which the deceased was a member.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 28, 1890.)

Note: If anyone knows more about the Devine-Boyd families, please contact the Spencer County Historical Society.

Rev. Soldier Lodowick Davis buried in Kelley Cemetery

The Spier Spencer Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution have placed a large limestone rock on the northwest corner of the courthouse lawn in Rockport on which is a bronze plaque made by George Honig, with the names of Revolutionary soldiers buried in the county.

The names on the plaque are Thomas Blair, Zachariah Bryant, David Chancellor, Lodowick Davis, Abraham Hornback, James Jones, Thomas Jones, William Kelley, William Overlin, James Pollard, Peter Rasor, Henry Show, Thomas Turnham and William May. Members of the chapter have tried to get the record of each one and and following are buried in this township:

David Chancellor, born VA 1749, enlisted State of Virginia in January 1779 in Capt. Rice and Merriweathers Company; Col. Francis Taylors VA Reg.; guarded prisoners at Albemarie and Winchester Barracks and was discharged May 1, 1781. Buried in Chancellor Graveyard in 1832.

Lodowick Davis born in February 1764 in Montgomery County, Maryland, entered services at Frederickstown, Maryland June 23, 1781. Served as Private in Capt. John Reid's, Nathaniel Beal's, Magruder's and David Lynn's Mary and Co. Discharged Dec. 10, 1783. Married to Dolly Ann; father of 12 children, died Aug. 13, 1841; buried in the Kelley Graveyard near Grandview.

William Kelley, born in Virginia, Jan. 10, 1760, entered service at the age of 16 on east shore of Virginia under Col. Simpson. After the close of the war lived lived in VA, then Md, then Ky. and then Indiana. Died March 18, 1846 and buried in Kelley graveyard. If you know of others that should be listed, communicate with Miss Helen Posey, Rockport.

(Taken from The Monitor, Feb. 29, 1940.)

Note: The location of Lodowick Davis' final resting place has been unknown until read in this article. Descendants will see that his resting place is properly marked. Thanks to the many people who donated to the microfilm project.

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Life sketch of Jim Williams is reported

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News of black citizens

James T. Williams received quite a life sketch in the *Sunday Evansville Courier*, much of which has been told the editor in fragments; and we submit the following:

"Jim" Williams was born in 1856 near the intersection of the pioneer highways, The Bardstown and Shawneetown, Ill., trail and the Hartford and Vincennes, Ind., trail near Fort Blackford, Ky. His father escaped from his master in 1858, when Jim was 2 years old and finally reached Indianapolis, where he cut cord wood on land now covered by that city. Here he was in the hand of friends and remained until the close of the Civil War.

A year after his father escaped, his mother died, and he witnessed the construction of the crude coffin by "Squire Hoard and the burial of his mother on the farm of his mistress. Fifty years later he visited the old scenes and identified the spot of his mother's grave, though it was not marked. His mother was the property of Mrs. Nancy Lee, at her death he and his brother, Ben, were willed to their grandfather, a free black man, and thus became free also.

Nov. 14, 1865, the boys came with their grandmother, Mrs. Delilah Derrette, to Rockport; and the following year (1866) their father came and took him to Indianapolis, where he went to school and graduated from the eighth grade and later attended a medical college two years. At the beginning of the third year he was ill and unable to go and before he recovered his health, the college buildings burned and the course of study was not resumed. At the time of his graduation from the eighth grade he was compelled to shave a man; and has been barbering much of the time since then.

In March, 1880, he came to Lewisport, Ky., to visit relatives and then to Grandview to visit with his grandmother, who was quite feeble and failing in health. He began barbering here April 8, 1880, and has continued to work at the trade until the January Flood of this year put him out of business. The oldest man he ever shaved was Benjamin Moore, age 108.

"Jim" now lives in his property on Vine Street, which for years has been one of the beauty spots of the town, as "Jim" always loved flowers, but age and declining health has caused him to relinquish his labors of this lien. He is now past 81 years, but mentally keenly alert to current events and past history, though his diary was lost in the flood.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, June 17, 1937.)

Death of James M. Cox

James M. Cox died last Friday morning, Nov. 3, at 1:45 a.m. at the home of his relative, William Motteler. Mr. Cox was 63 years, 6 months and 29 days old. The remains were taken to Oak Grove Cemetery Saturday afternoon for burial. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J.H. Diehl.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1916.)

Dies at Rockport

At his residence near Rockport, on Tuesday, the 28th last, Mr. James Conner, in the 70th year of his age. The deceased leaves a large family to mourn their imparable loss. He was until about two years since a resident of North Bend, Ohio, where he left a large circle of friends and relatives. During his short residence here he endested himself to all who knew him.

(Taken from Rockport Advertizer Weekly, Oct. 30, 1856.)

Query

Seeking issues of *Memories of Midway* to copy and also the *Chrisney Chatter* newspaper. They will be copied and returned in same condition. Call 362-7268 or leave at the Rockport Library, Historical Society Room. Thanks.

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Inquiring for William Simmons

Mr. John Baumgaertner, clerk of the Spencer Circuit Court, received the following letter of inquiry a few days ago. The William Simmons that lived near Richland City (Lake PO) died about two years ago, but has a son and daughter living in that vicinity. He may have been the man inquired about, but he served as a Union Soldier and was drawing a pension at the time of his death. The following is the letter.

Spencer County Circuit Clerk
Sir;

The title to my land here is involved in the life or death of William Simmons, who was bred in Montgomery county, N.C. in the thirties. Volunteered in the late was of '62. Deserted the southern army in '63 going north. He has light or now gray hair, fair complexion, blue eyes. Stammers in speaking say at-at-at's so. Holds his right elbow in his left palm in a sitting posure, with his rightthumb vs his upper front teeth unless recently changed since here. I'm his cousin, living on the same land he lived on when here. He owns a claim in this land now. It is worth some $400 in fifteen miles of two railroads. I'll pay him a fair price for his interest in it. I've heard he is in Spencer County, near Lake or Eureka P.O. His many friends and kinsmen here have long supposed him dead. The title to his real estate here now is in imminent peril. Please send me a certified copy of your court seal state that William Simmons is a citizen of your county at this time, with the bill of clerk's fees.

Calvin I. Simmons
Allred Montgomery Co., N.C.
9 Jan. 1894

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 22, 1894.)

Obituary

Christian G. Krueger was born in Baden, Germany, March 28, 1837, and died February 14, 1921, almost 84 years of age. The first eleven years of his life were spent in his native country, at that time he came with his parents to the United States. For three years he lived in Missouri and a part of the time in Ohio. Since the age of 14, he has made his home in and near Rockport.

He was a wagon maker by occupation and followed his trade for many years before wagons began to be turned out by factories. Every one is, and ought to be proud of his work. His wagons were used by farmers in all localities near Rockport and over the county and were noted for their quality and workmanship.

In 1876 he bought and removed to a farm near Shiloh. Here a number of his children were born and reared. He enjoyed life in the country but finally sold his farm and spent the rest of his life in Rockport.

He was married in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1859 to Martha Birk. There were in all thirteen children, William, Emma, Edward, Mary, Charles, Ella, Benjamin, Maude, and two sets of twins, Carrie and Clara, and Ada and Ida. One died in infancy. Five of these named have been called into the beyond, leaving eight living children, he leaves three brothers - Rev. Michael Krueger of Napanee, Indiana, Jonathan of Huntingburg and Jacob in California and one sister, Mrs. Rachel Maas of Chrisney. One sister, Mrs. Bina Blesch having departed this life. Thirty-four grandchildren and twenty-two great grandchildren.

He was a member of the Salem Evangelical Church of Rockport, joining quite young and was always interested in his church and Christian work. He made arrangements years ago, to be laid away in Shiloh Cemetery - and in the beautiful cemetery on Shiloh Hill, his body will rest. One by one the pioneer citizens of our community pass away. Mr. Krueger, in his long and useful life has been an interested observer of many progressive changes. In all, he has been a kind father to his family and will be remembered as the friend of all with whom he associated. Short services were held at the residence on North 6th Street Wednesday at 1 p.m. The body was taken to Shiloh where his grandson, Rev. Levi Krueger, assisted by Rev. E.M. Davis conducted the services. Six grandsons acted as pall bearers.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Feb. 18, 1921.)

Happy Papa

Henry Mottler Sr. is the happiest man in Spencer County. He says its a 14 pound boy and almost big enough to walk already. Frau und kind befinden sich wohl. Wier Grateliren. *(Taken from the Indiana Pocket, June 7, 1884.)*

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Cow falls over the bluff

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Cow fell over

A fine Alderney cow of James Graham's fell over the bluff near Lady Washington Rock on last Saturday night and was killed. Mr. Graham feels his loss greatly on account of it being a present from his nephew, Mr. John Wartmann of Evansville.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Oct. 13, 1883.)

Wee uk" is Yellow Banks

The editor had an interview last Sunday with J.F. Coleman, whose home is not far from the old town of Enterprise, and from him learned that the translation for the old Indian name for the crossing point of the old trail at this site is correct as heretofore given. Mr. Coleman has recently returned from a visit with his sister in Southwest Arizona, and his trip led him through Oklahoma, where he attended school as a boy, and on through Texas, and on this trip he contacted several Kickapoo Indians.

He found them illiterate but, had knowledge of their native tongue and language. He repeatedly asked for the Kickapoo words for "Yellow Banks" and always was told "Wee Uk." Moreover, when asked the translation in English of "Weesoe Wusapinuk," the old Indian name for this crossing point, it was invariably: "Yellow Tree Big Safe Water Bank." This is the translation given by Mr. Coleman several months ago and, as it comes (through him) from descendants of the Kickapoo tribe, and agrees in every instance, surely is correct.

Months ago the editor tried by correspondence to obtain this information from Kickapoos but was unsuccessful. Mr. Coleman claims to be one-half Cherokee and his aptitude of pronounciation and knowledge of Indian dialect was quite helpful in obtaining this information direct from the Indians. Furthermore, he states that the Kick and Cherokee tribal dialects are slightly similar in some respects. We are grateful to Mr. Coleman for his helpfulness in obtaining this much sought information. According to Cockram's "Underground Railroad," this crossing point--a few miles east of Rockport--was a crossing for runaway slaves who sometimes were hid in the "hurricane" evidently not far from the present site of Fairview and Highland Churches.

(Taken from The Monitor, Sept. 9, 1937.)

Note: Does anyone know the exact location of this hide away for slaves? Please call 362-7268 or send information to Spencer County Historical Society c/o Spencer County Library, Rockport, Ind., 47635.

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Gentryville item

Sickness is on the increase and the news from this section has a gloomy outlook. The entire family of Mr. John Waters (nine in number), have been stricken down with spinal meningitis the past few days and one of his daughters was buried on the 28th, ult, and it is hard to tell the result and distress of this terrible disease. James Inco is still living at this writing. He has been down for seven weeks with this same disease and many others in town and its surroundings are suffering from its almost fatal effects. It's like unto a hospital here, and as the condition of John Walter's, God only knows the rest.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 3, 1884.)

John Campbell dies

John Campbell, aged 71 years, for 50 years a well-known citizen of Grass Township, died at his home in Chrisney last Friday night. Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. L.G. Carnes, at the M.E. Church in Chrisney, were held Sunday morning followed by interment at Bloomfield under the auspices of the GAR.

The deceased was born and raised in Hamilton County, Ohio, but came to Spencer County just before the Civil War. When that broke out he returned to Ohio and enlisted in the 70th Ohio serving through the great conflict. He saw much hard fighting and was with Sherman on the memorable "march to the sea."

He returned to Grass Township and lived a few miles south of Chrisney until about three years ago when he moved into the town. In the immediate family are left the widow and three daughters, Mrs. Bert (Dollie) Toole, Mrs. John (Mary) Sampson and Miss Ella. Mr. Campbell was a wealthy man and will be missed by a large circle of friends. He was of a very jovial nature, an optimist through and through.

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Indians call trail 'Weesoe Wusapinuk'

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At one time crossing place for long trail

Weesoe Wusapinuk, the Indians called the Ohio River crossing on the Hartford, Ky., to Vincennes, Ind., trail, the name originating in an expression from the lookout in a tree who could see caravans approaching the stream from either direction. The Redman's cognomen became Yellow Banks in 1792, later Sandy Creek landing; Blount's landing; New Hope landing and finally Grandview.

And the settlement of the aborigine evoluted into a stopping place for Kentucky pioneers traveling to new lands in Indiana territory. Today's Grandview is well named. From the front porch of the elaborate Caddick home, more pretentious with its spreading grounds filled with shrubbery and flowers and the century old Lamar place occupying an equally attractive site overlooking the Ohio and the Kentucky shore opposite, a visitor may easily understand why the permanent settlers called it Grandview.

for the past 35 years, Charles T. Baker, editor-owner-publisher of *The Monitor,* has watched the passing pictures, reveled in the splendor of history-marked decades, sifted the chaff of rumor from the grains offact about the Lincoln migration and is satisfied in his own mind that Thomas Lincoln led by way of Grandview the caravan that halted a few miles inland where the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln is part of an Indiana state park and the end of many motorcades every year.

Grandview is headquarters for the Caddicks, D.E. Sr. and Jr., father and son, with their extensive milling operations, and another son, William, whose trucks trail through all the tri-state region gathering poultry. Large property owners and in business here the past 57 years the Caddicks and Grandview are usually linked in thinking of the historic little town and its most widely known business firms.

Ask Editor Baker about Grandview sons who have gone out to eminence and he heads the list with Edward V. Wilbern, jointly claimed by Cincinnati, because the orphaned farm boy of 11 left the Ohio River village to work, in a tobacco factory in the big city up the river, selling out 17 years later for more than $1,000,000 when James B. Duke formed the American Tobacco Co. in 1898.

Wilbern moved on to New York to continue in the tobacco business which he soon relinquished to become a world traveler. And on his infrequent visits to Grandview he regales admirers with stories of Europe, Asia, Africa, South and Central America, his travels having covered most of the civilized world. With a fortune made by his own efforts before he was 30 this Grandview native quit work to play and after 40 years is still playing about the world.

Lincoln is the one word, however, that like a fuse, fires the flame of Editor Baker's enthusiasm. A recognized authority on the Emancipator he has been implored to write a book on his hero, and with great stacks of notes he just hasn't gotten to the task of putting his thoughts on paper, except in the very interesting pages of *The Monitor.* An hour with the veteran newspaper man is an intellectual treat.

(Taken from a clipping ,unknown year, submitted by David Parker.)

Chrisney news

Change in hardware store

The hardware store and implement store of Davis and Sibrel has been purchased by Clarence S. Harris. The invoice of the stock is being made this week assisted by James Rimstidt of Rockport. As soon as the invoice is completed Mr. Harris will be ready for business. Mr Harris is well and favorably known as a clever gentleman and a good business man and deserved a liberal share of public patronage.

Mail carrier.

Melvin Carey, our worthy mail carrier on Route 1 is taking a 15-day vacation. Harmon Bender is substituting for him.

Auto census

There are 374 automobiles in Spencer County.

(Taken from The Sun, July 5, 1917)

Queries

Barbara L. Lucas of 2411 Meadow Lane, Daytona Beach, Fla., 32014, wants the following answers: Parentage of Susanna Miller and James Mackey married 1812 in Breckenridge County, Ky. Children were Katherine, Jacob and Mary The burial place for Lusk, Thomas, who died 1845 and Sarah, his wife, who died 1866. Where were Thomas, Sarah and son, Thomas S., in 1840? She also wants the marriage date and place of Thomas S Lusk and Elizabeth (Bowlin) Wartman, ca 1840.

Willis Taylor Finley of 307 Fairview Drive in Longview, Texas, 75604, needs information on Ezekial Inman born May 19, 1786 in Jefferson County, Tenn., and died ca 1824 (TN?), married Matilda Toylor (1789-). Dec 31, 1805, Jefferson County Issues: Parmonas T., Abednego W., Leroy D, Betty W., Aguile H., Mary Ann, Caroline. Matilda and some children moved to Dubois County, Ind., Columbia Township ca 1837. Census 1840, 1850 and 1860 record Matilda and family members.

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The meaning of Christianity is told

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Christianity

Christianity, if it means anything, means 16 ounces to the pound, three feet to the yard, a just weight and a just measure. It means honesty in all dealings, purity in all conversation, a charity as broad as the race, unflinching integrity, sympathy and humanity to man. With these there can be no compromise.

(Taken from The Sun, July 23, 1885.)

Death

Jacob T. Crawford, of pneumonia fever, after an illness of nine days. Mr. Crawford was engaged in teaching school near Gentryville when taken sick and boarding with William Philips at which place he died.

He was recognized throughout his acquaintences as a sober, industrious and energetic young man and one of the foremost teachers in the county. He was 25 years of age and leaves a widowed mother and three sisters who were almost dependent upon him. His untimely death is sadly lamented throughout the entire community in which he lived. (He is buried at Garden of Memory Cemetery.)

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Feb. 2, 1884.)

Clerk celebrates birthday

Uncle Joe Richardson, Clerk of Spencer County, celebrated his 67th birthday last Wednesday, the 7th inst. Mr. Richardson was admitted to the world on the same day that Indiana was admitted into the Union as a State.

Although Mr. Richardson is the equal of Indiana in years, his looks and appearance would indicate that he was just in the prime of life. We have known him intimately for the past 40 years and have never been able to find any change in him during that period of time. From present appearances we are included to think that he will be on hand at the 100th anniversary of the birthday.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Nov. 24, 1883.)

Likes written letters

A certain man in Chrisney has received a few letters from a firm who use a typewriter. He got mad recently and wrote to them as follows: "You needent send me enny moar of them printed leters, i want you to understand that i Can rede riten."

(Taken from The Sun, date unknown.)

His memorial

Sleep on, thou soldier brave, who fought
To give us democracy safe;
Let not the discontent now wrought
Disturb thy rest, nor slumber chafe.

Thy blood must not be spilled in vain,
Though it may seem to have been lost
Amid the turmoil and the strain
Of those who gain at human cost.

the voice of thy blood shall arise
To call men to the standard true,
And such selfishness shall demise;
Give again old Red, White and Blue.

C.T.B. 5-17-'37

(Taken from The Monitor, May 20, 1937.)

Obituary

Laura, wife of John Blackford, aged 27 years and 8 months, breathed her last on Sunday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m. Typhoid fever had seized and made her its victim and lingered but a short time; death releasing her sufferings.

Mrs. Blackford was well known to the populace of Chrisney, and those who had spent everyday life with her knew her only as a true, loving and kind-hearted friend. For it is said it was not her lot to make enemies, but her mission of friendship while on earth, was well filled and when the sands of time had ceased to number her hours, she willingly departed this life to take up a new and better one.

She leaves a husband and child, and many friends and relatives to follow in her path of worldly love; to weep tears of sorrow and regret, and finally meet her on the Golden Streets of Paradise. Sunday her remains were taken to Yelington, Ky., for interment.

(Taken from The Sun, a clipping.)

Queries

Georgia Vogel LaLande of 2837 Halverson, Bremerton, Wash., 98310, would like to correspond with others researching the Vogel family. Kunigunda was born about 1817, nee Endres, married George Vogel; from Germany to Spencer County.

Sheila Brown of Route 1, Maxville Road, Tennyson, Ind., 47647, is looking for Lewis Bryant, son of Zachariah, Married second to Eliza Miller in 1834 in Spencer County. She needs death date and information on children, except James Hardin.

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Conner will is contested in the 1800s

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A will contest

Suit filed in Spencer Circuit Court to set aside the will of Elder Abner Conner, deceased. Mass Conner, John L. Conner, Elizabeth J. Real et al, vs. Elizabeth A. Conner, Benjamin F. Conner, William B. Conner et al, is the title of a suit filed in Spencer Circuit Court Tuesday last, to set aside the will of Elder Abner Conner, deceased of Clay Township, this county.

All of the real estate was willed to the wife during her lifetime, at her death it was to be divided as follows: Mass and John L., two sons, were given each $25; and to his son, Ira and Elizabeth J. Real and Emily Belle Conner, daughters, $5 each; Loly, Andy and Nancy E., grandchildren, $1 each; Benjamin F. and W.B., the sw nw sec 7 t5 r4 40 acres; Peter, 22 acres in Clay Township, and to Peter and Mavity the nw nw sec 7 t5 r4, to be equally divided between them; and to Mavity the nw sw sec 7 t5 r4 40 acres. The will was attested by John T. McDaniel, John T. Harrison and L.D. Conner as witnesses.

The complait is filed by W.L. May, attorney, and alleges undue execution of the will, in this, that the will was signed by only one of the witnesses in the presence of the testator.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 21, 1893.)

Bible record

Stereotyped by E.W. White, New York, Cincinnati Published by E. Morgan and Co. 1851.

William Bryan Wilkinson was born Aug. 23, 1896.

Louis Lamar Wilkinson was born April 5, 1899.

Eugene Axton Wilkinson was born Jan. 5, 1902.

This certifies that the 18th day of October in the year of Our Lord 1887.

Lewis B. Wilkinson and Laura A. Wilkinson were by me united in marriage at the bride's parents, according to the laws of the State of Indiana. Rev. Samuel Hobson.

Parents Record: Father: Ford Wilkinson was born Oct. 5, 1805. Mother: Ibby Ann Wilkinson was born March 11, 1821. Missouri Richardson Wilkinson was born March 2, 1818.

Births: Josephine Wilkinson was born June 11, 1843. John W. Wilkinson was born March 20, 1845. Cordelia Wilkinson was born March 3, 1849. Pareen Wilkinson was born July 24, 1850. Missouri Wilkinson was born Feb. 22, 1853. Moravie Wilkinson was born march 18, 1854. Lewis Baley Wilkinson was born Oct. 15, 1858. John Russell Wilkinson was born Aug. 19, 1891. Laura A., wife of Louis Wilkinson was born Dec. 21, 1863. David Allen born March 18, 1894.

Marriages: Ford Wilkinson was married to Ibby Ann, his second wife, June 1848. Lewis B. Wilkinson and Laura A. Axton were married Oct. 18, 1887.

Deaths: Missouri, wife of Ford Wilkinson, died Dec. 25, 1845. Ford Wilkinson died Dec. 17, 1877. Ibby Ann, wife of Ford Wilkinson, died Feb. 20, 1878. John Russell, son of L.B. and L.A. Wilkinson, died April 20, 1893. David Allen, son of L.B. and L.A. Wilkinson, died April 6, 1894. Helen, daughter of L.B. and L.A. Wilkinson died May 4, 1941. Eugene A. Wilkinson died March 15, 1953. Louis Lamar Wilkinson died June 22, 1956. Laura A. Wilkinson died April 7, 1959.

Mrs. D.A. Peregrine dies

Mr. D.A. Peregrine received a telegram from New Orleans Wednesday evening last conveying the sad news that his wife had just arrived on the streamer *Mary Houston* and was thought to be dying. She was making the trip in hopes of improving her health. Mr. Peregrine left on the first train for New Orleans Wednesday night.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 8, 1886.)

Mrs. D.A. Peregrine was buried at the cemetery Tuesday last. The Rebecca Degree, of which she was an honored member, took charge of the services and conducted them according to their impressive ceremonies. A large number of friends attested their respect and sympathy by their presence. The Rev. J.A. Ward preached the funeral service.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, June 5, 1886.)

Soldier Update

Luce Township: William McCoy, Aubrey McReynolds and Richard VanWinkle. Grass Township: Chester Hesson, Vernie Gasaway and Clyde "Red" Pearson. Carter Township: Andrew Hollander and Roman Schum. Clay Township: Frederick Hanning. Harrison Township: Eugene O. Brahm. Jackson Township: Joseph "Jerry" McBride. Hammond Township: Lodowick Davis. Ohio Township: Joseph Wikowski.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Otto Reeles is killed by lightning

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in the same form it was originally written.)

Lightning strikes man

We learn from Mr. Hugh Hales that Mr. Otto Reeles was killed by lightning in Santa Fe last Wednesday. He had his shop in a store room and when the storm came up, he went to close the window when lightning struck a tree standing near the house, killing him instantly. The deceased was 26 years old, was highly respected and was a shoemaker by trade.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, June 28, 1884.)

The Sun news of October 1885

Andrew Patmore and son, A.S. Patmore, have 21 acres of potatoes that they say will yield better than for five years.

Joseph C. Chrisney attended the funeral of Ex-senator Kramer's little daughter which took place last Monday at Rockport.

Some unknowing person has started the report that there would be no literacy to-morrow night. The report is untrue and without foundation.

(Taken from The Sun, Oct. 29, 1885)

Mrs. John W Karney

On Feb. 18, 1870, a daughter was born to John and Rebecca Varner, of Spencer County. This little daughter grew to woman-hood, a quiet modest girl, with a gentle retiring manner, which endeared her to those who knew her best. About 1880 she with her parents came to Rockport to live and about the year 1887 she was converted and joined the First Baptist Church at this place being the first to be baptized in the baptistry.

Her devotion to her Savior and to her family and all those near and dear to her has left a sweet memory that will live in the hearts of those who knew her best as long as they shall live. Her beautiful Christian life has been an influence in the lives of her family that can never be erased.

On May 23, 1892, she was joined in wedlock with John W. Karney and to this union five children were born, Ralph, Eldridge, Mrs. Callie Risse and Miss Ruby Karney of Evansville, a babe, Leroy having died in infancy, three step-children, William of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Alice Aslock of Arkansas, and Mrs. Bess Keller of Rockport, all of whom with the husband survive.

Her parents and a sister, Rosa, went to their eternal home a number of years ago, also a cousin, James Eskridge, who was reared in her home and was as near and dear as a brother, six grandchildren are left who will miss her loving hands in many ways. A few short months she with her family left Rockport and moved to Evansville where on Sept. 23, 1923 in that city on Sunday evening when the sun was sinking in the west her spirit took its flight and at 6:00 o'clock winged its way to her Master's throne to wait in that happy land of promise for those whom she left to grieve over their great loss.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Wednesday at 3 p.m. conducted by the Rev. W.C. Polson. Interment at Sunset Hill.

(Taken from Rockport Jounral, Sept. 28, 1923.)

The Family

The family is like a book
The children are the leaves,
The parents are the covers
That protecting beauty gives.

At first the pages of the book
Are blank and purely fair
But the time soon writeth memories
And painteth pictures there.

Love is the little golden clasp
That bindeth up on the trust;
Oh, break it not, lest all the leaves
Should scatter and be lost!

Anonymous

(Taken from the Monitor, July 18, 1940.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Search is underway for old books

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in the same form it was originally written.)

Search for old books

In all parts of Warrick County, as well as in some portions of Pike, Spencer and Vanderburgh counties, there is a great deal of looking over old books to find out if among any of them are copies of the book written by William Fortune when a body of 17 entitled, *Warrick, and Its Prominent People.*

In the past few weeks, Mr. Fortune has had a number of people write to him with the information that they possessed copies of this book and some owners of the book have given their copies to Mr. Fortune. It would be interesting to know just how many copies of the book still remain in Warrick County. There were 1,000 copies in the edition published by the Courier Publishing Co. of Evansville, 57 years ago. There were four colors, red, green, brown and blue. The Boonville Press Club and Warrick County Historical Society will be glad to receive the information regarding owners of the book.

(Taken from the Boonville Standard, then Rockport Democrat, Dec. 16, 1938.)

Mt. Olive news

The body of Amos Martin of Boonville arrived here Tuesday of last week for burial at the Hesson Cemetery. The Boonville minister had charge of the services. Mr. Martin was 76 years of age and has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Alice Conner, for some time. The deceased is survived by five sons and three daughters.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 8, 1916.)

Death of Jennie Sandage

Died at her home, Jan. 26, 1885, Mrs. Jennier Sandage, wife of Abraham Sandage, of pneumonia. The deceased suffered very much until death's icy hands bade her suffer no more. She leaves a husband, two children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Peace to her ashes. The remains of Mrs. Jennie Sandage was placed in the Gentry Cemetery (today, Jan. 27) amid a concourse of people.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Jan. 31, 1885.)

Old resident returns

Mr. Adam Stinson, an old resident of this county, but who has been at the "Soldiers Home," Dayton, Ohio, for several years, arrived in our town last Wednesday. After looking around at our buildings he was heard to say, "where are those barren fields?" taken up by the buildings and streets of Chrisney.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 17, 1885.)

Mt. Olive memorabilia

The young folks have organized a small orchestra: Charles Wright, first violin, Nathan Wright, second violin, Logan Oskin, cornet, William Selzer, bass, and Melvin Gasaway, triangle.

John Bender and Raleigh Tuley are going to school at Gentryville this winter.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 11, 1895.)

Queries

James Merritt VonStter of 601 N. Anthony, Anthony, Kan., 67003, needs information on the Merritt family. Orville Merritt was born May 20, 1939 in Spencer County to Cham and Ida Rogers Merritt (fifth child) Ida died about 1946 and the father, along with this son (no others) went to Detroit. The child was adopted in 1948 by John VonStter. He wants to find grave site and death date for mother, anything about the siblings left behind or relatives who can help.

Neil Henderson of 2566 Aurora Road, Hudson, Ohio, 44236, is looking for information on David Trotter and wife, Sarah (Knight)?, daughter, Almira born 1837 from Gallia County, Ohio. Sons, James 1840 and Franklin 1842 were born in Spencer County. David probably died between 1842 and 1948.

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(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information below is presented as it was originally written.)

Death claims two in family

Mrs. Jennie Whitehouse, 69, died at her home in Grandview at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night, 45 minutes before her sister, Mrs. Nannie Dawson, 81, passed away at her home in St. Louis. A double funeral was held for the sisters at the Methodist church in Grandview at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, with burial in Grandview Cemetery.

Mrs. Whitehouse is survived by her husband, Robert; three daughters, Mrs. Emma Kramer, Mrs. Gertrude Kramer of Chrisney and Mrs. Mary Kleman of Evansville; and a son, Samuel of Lincoln, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Surviving Mrs. Lawson are her husband, Charles; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Ostrele of Festus, Mo., Mrs. Carrie Rothert of St. Louis and Mrs. Zetta Bufkin of Huntingburg; two sons, Herbert and Prenctice of St. Louis; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The sisters' other survivors nclude a brother, Alva Hankins of meril, Neb.; and four sisters, Mrs. Flora Ferguson of Lincoln, Ill., Mrs. Vena Rucker of Evansville, Mrs. Emma Young of Terre Haute and Mrs. Josie Barker of Grandview. A ouble funeral was held for their

ther and a brother 20 years ago.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, pril 21, 1939.)

Takes a bride in 1885

John H. Myers, our excellent brick moulder, took unto himself a life-long companion last Sunday. We wish them much joy, a life with few sorrows and an abundance of friends. John is a jolly boy and we predict for him a successful life.

Visits in Milltown

Mrs. Margaret Chrisney, mother of John B. Chrisney, left last Saturday for Milltown, to visit her daughters, Mrs. Peter Hehl and Mrs. Joseph Verney at that place.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 13, 1885.)

Lifetime resident passes away

Mrs. Lucrecia Springston, aged 89 years and 5 days, died of old age and general disability Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1895, at the home of her son-in-law, James Pierson, who lives about four miles northeast of here.(Chrisney). She has been in poor health about four years. She was a citizen of Spencer County ever since childhood and was a member of the Methodist church for 48 years.

The burial took place at Little Pigeon Cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The Rev. E.O. Thomas conducted the services. (From the *Chrisney Sun.)*

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 25, 1895.)

Patmore-Ravens marriage

Wendell Patmore was married to Miss Gusta Ravens of near Buffaloville, last Wednesday. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Sweat Patmore, of this place, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ravens, and is a very highly accomplished young lady.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 20, 1905.)

Obituary-Josephus Elliott

The subject of this sketch died at his home in Dale early Friday morning after a very brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Elliott was born in Kentucky in 1849 and came to this place only a few years ago and has been engaged in farming since coming here.

The deceased leaves a widow, two daughters, Mrs. William McCallister of Harrisburg, Ill., and Mrs. J.A. Christian of Evansville; and one son, Robert of Dale. Two brothers and one sister also survive him.

Mr. Elliott was a member of the Baptist church. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the family residence by the Rev. D.P. McCoy and interment taking place at the local cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 18, 1916.)

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July 13, 89

Buffaloville woman dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. It is written in the same form it was originally written.)

Obituary

Mary Wetzel Schriefer was born in Columbus County, Ohio, July 11, 1841; died at Buffaloville, Indiana May 4, 1906, aged 64 years, 9 months and 23 days.

In 1843 her father's family moved from Ohio to Louisville, Ky., and in 1853 to Spencer County locating on a farm near Santa Claus where he engaged in farming and merchandising in which latter business the daughter, Mary, received her business education.

Jan. 25, 1855, she united with the German ME Church in Santa Claus of which society she continued a consistent member more than 51 years. Jan. 18, 1859, she was united in marriage to Henry Schriefer. In 1873 they moved to Buffaloville, where with her father, Andrew Wetzel, they engaged in the general merchandising business and farming, her husband managing the farm while she conducted the business with her father and mother. Later the parents retired on account of age.

Mary, however, continued in the business until the time of her death, having been in the store overseeing the business, the day before her death. She was laid to rest in the German Methodist Cemetery near Santa Claus on Sunday, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. Carnes of Newtonville assisted by the Rev. Bockstahler of Boonville.

Many friends from a distance came to attest their sorrow and esteem, among them whom were H.A. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. William Pennington of Evansville; Mr. Aufderheide of Louisville, Elmer Lucas of Hunting-burg, Jacob Frank and Miss Hattie Uhlmer of Tell City, Maude and Mary Jennings and W.F. Adams and daughter of Rockport. The attendance at the funeral was very large. She leaves to mourn her a husband, four sons, C.F., A.A., B.F. and E.B. Schriefer; two daughters, Mrs. Ida Alexander and Mrs. D.F. Kennedy; and two brothers, John and Daniel Wetzel; two sisters, Mrs. John Swander and Mrs. Kate Haas of Parsons, Kan.; and 18 grandchildren.

Naturally endowed with good business judgments and being a kind-hearted, broad-minded woman she was the counsellor of a large circle of relatives and friends. Unto her it was given in a large measure to be a helpful leader in the community in which she lived. In every relation of her life she will be sincerely mourned.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 11, 1906.)

John Elliott dies

John Elliott, Civil War veteran, a member of the 25th Ind. Inf., and a prominent Dale citizen, died this (Thursday) afternoon at 5 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. He was over 80 years of age. No arrangements had been made for the funeral at our press hour.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 1923.)

Death

On Tuesday night, Feb. 9th, at his residence on the corner of Fifth and Main Streets, Henry Kroeger, of consumption.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 13, 1875.)

Will probated

The last will of Mrs. Anna Vogel, deceased, late of this city, was probated Wednesday. She gives all her real estate to her husband, Conrad Vogel, during his life only; at his death one-half goes to her daughter, Carrie M.M. Krueger, and the remaining half to be divided equally between her daughters, Amelia M. Mohr, Mary R. Vogel, and son, George H. Vogel, share and share alike. She appoints her husband, Conrad Vogel, executor of the will.

Mrs. Anna Adelaide Vogel, aged 59 years, wife of Conrad B. Vogel of this city, died last Sunday, after a long and painful illness. She was a good neighbor, a kind and loving mother, and had many friends who deeply sympathize with the grief-stricken family in their bereavement. The funeral took place Monday at 3:30 p.m. from Trinity Lutheran Church, the Rev. W.L. Guard officiating.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 2, 1901.)

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Commencement held at Grandview

(Editor's note: This article is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is given as orginally written.)

Commencement

Commencement held at Grandview Chautauqua Aug. 2, 1927. Colors: Blue and White Speaker: E.J. Llewyln. Class Motto: "Let's Live Like Lindy." C.C. Wollner, Co. Supt.

(Taken from School Enumeration Records)

Nathan Hilderbrand dies at 92 years

Nathan Hilderbrand, the oldest man in Carter Township, and probably the oldest in Spencer County, died at his home two miles north of Dale, Saturday afternoon last, after a brief illness.

The subject of this sketch was a well-preserved man, and lived to the ripe old age of 92 years. He was a man of active habits all his life, and up to within a few months of his death he continued to do hard work on the farm. When 80 years old he could handle a grain cradle with ease, and could send the best farm hand to the shade when in the harvest field. The past year he had not done so much hard work, but until quite recently he continued to stir around and do considerable work.

Mr. Hilderbrand was a man who was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was honorable in all business transactions, was charitable and well-meaning. He was firm in his convictions, but never sought a controversy with those whose opinions were at variance with his. He was a good man and a good citizen and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. The funeral of the aged pioneer took place at 10 c'clock Monday morning at the M.E. church. The Rev. John Royer conducting the funeral services, after which the remains were interred in the Dale Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 28, 1896.)

Cletus Weber: "Daddy, what are ancestors?"

Fritz Weber: "Why son, I'm one of your ancestors, and so is grandpa."

Cletus: "Then why do people brag about them?"

(Mary Frances Snyder)
(Taken from Midway Post Newspaper)

Mrs. Katherine Koenig

The following from the East Chicago Press, gives the particulars of the death of the wife of Frank Koenig, who was brought here for burial last week. The death of Mrs. Catherine Koenig, who resided at 4418 Olcott Avenue occurred yesterday afternoon at about 1:39 at the Mercy Hospital in Chicago.

Death was caused from a cancer. She was operated on last Tuesday and just 16 years previous to that date she was married. She was 39 years of age at the time of her death. This was the third operation she had undergone to regain her health. She leaves to mourn her death, besides her husband, two sisters, one who lives in Philadelphia and the other resides out west.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 7:30 with the celebration of requiem high mass. Father Lauer will say the mass with the assistance of Father Judnie as deacon and Father Schowl of Hammond, as sub-deacon. Mrs. Koenig was a member of St. Anne's Rosary Society and they will go in a body at 7:45 this evening to her late home.

The body will be shipped from Hammond at 9:30 tomorrow morning and burial will take place at Dale, Ind.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 25, 1917.)

About Indiana

John J. Williams, an Indiana man, was the last Union soldier killed in a battle in the Civil War. Money was an article little known among early Indiana settlers. They transacted nearly all their business on the barter system. More mischief was done by wolves than any other animal in the pioneer days of the state. "Circular" wolf hunts were held frequently to rid a district of the animals. The *New Testament* was the approved book for the teaching of reading in early Indiana schools.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Aug. 25, 1922.)

Queries

William H. Paceley of 1804 Mayfair Drive, Birmingham, Ala., 35209, wants information on Lewis Franklin Paceley, born 1861, lived in Rockport before moving to Alabama in the late 1880s. He would like any information on the Paceley family.

Bethel Reynolds of P.O. Box 1294, Hawthorn, Nev., 89415, is researching Henry S. Talbott and wife, Martha Harter. They were married in Spencer County in 1826.

Mrs. Dorothy Davidson of P.O. Box 237, Farmland, Ind. 47340, is searching for the parents of Amanda C. McFadden, born around 1832 in Kentucky. She was the second wife of John Hevron Jr., married 1850-3 in a place unknown. The 1860 census showed her living in Jackson Township in Spencer County, 1870, Amanda widow. They had 6-7 children. Was Amanda the daughter of James and Jane (Woods) McFadden of Ohio and Indiana? She has much information and is willing to share and/or trade.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

New hotel to be built

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New hotel

A new 10-room hotel is to be built at Degonia (Warrick Co.). Carl B. Hart of Evansville, a former Boonville citizen, is the head of the company to construct the building. A big golf course, tennis courts, etc., are to be features of this new pleasure resort.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Aug. 17, 1923.)

Obituary

Mrs. Christina (Krause) Kanzler was born Jan. 2, 1839, at Blanmenberg, Bavaria. Here her childhood was spent. In 1850 she emigrated with her parents and many relatives to America. After a short stay at Cincinnati they came to Spencer County where the rest of her life was spent.

In 1860 she was united in marriage with Mr. Frederick Kanzler. To them were born nine children, six sons and three daughters, five of whom and the husband have answered the final summons. Mrs. Kanzler was a member of the German Evangelical Church for more than 50 years, living a consistent Christian life, beloved by all who knew her for her gentle and sympathizing disposition.

She was taken sick about five weeks before her death with a paralytic stroke which left her very weak, and on Feb. 11, a second attack came, death ensuing very suddenly.

She leaves of her immediate family one daughter and three sons, namely Mrs. George Schmicker, Frederick, Charles and the Rev. Gustave. Besides these 14 grandchildren and two sisters, Mrs. Caroline Bockstahler and Mrs. H.F. Tonnemacher, besides many relatives and friends are left to mourn the sudden death of one loved so dearly.

Funeral services was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Charles Meyer, Wednesday afternoon at 12:30 at the home and was attended by a large concourse of friends. The remains were laid to rest under a covering of floral designs in the family lot in the Leistner Cemetery.

C.F.T.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 22, 1907.)

Native of Brown County, Ky., dies

William H. Harris was born Nov. 15, 1822 in Brown County, Ky., departed this life June 6, 1911, aged 88 years, 6 months and 23 days. In 1842 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Allen to which union were born 10 children, of which number three sons and four daughters are left, many grandchildren and other relatives. He was laid to rest in the Buffaloville Cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. W.T. VanWinkle. He served in the Civil War as a member of the 38th Indiana and belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church. Lincoln City News.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 16, 1911.)

Death of an old citizen

Died, at her home in Eureka on the 16th of September 1893, Susanah Meeks, of heart disease. Aunt Susie, as all familiarly called her, had been an invalid for several years. She was 69 years, 3 days old at the time of her death.

Aunt Susie was born in Spencer County in 1824 where she made her home all her life.

In 1844, she married Tapley Overlin and of that union there were four children. Her husband, Tapley Overlin died in 1850 and in 1852 she married Mason Meeks. Of that union there were three children born. While her children were small she was again called to mourn the death of her second husband and for that large family she cared and provided.

Her children, Enos Overlin, Sarah Overlin and Tapley Overlin, Benjamin F. and Mason H. Meeks lived to become of age, three of her children are still living, Sarah Overlin Shook, Benjamin F. and Mason H. Meeks. Aunt Susie had four brothers and one son in the Union Army. In 1861, when dark shadows of the rebellion cast a gloom over our land, she gave her consent to her oldest boy, the only support of a widowed mother and family of small children, to enlist. He enlisted in the 42nd Indiana and served for about two years and was discharged on account of disease and disability, of which disease said soldier, Enos Overlin, died a few years after he was discharged. Aunt Susie was drawing a pension at the time of her death which the government gave her for sacrificing her boy to her country in its great time of need.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 29, 1893.)

Presbyterians Organize On November 10, 1850

(By Mrs. Kate Salm)

The first minutes began, "The Rise of the Rockport Presbyterian church".

It was in the summer of 1850 at the Union Sabbath school held in the county seminary that James A. Gray and John Atkinson concluded to invite Rev. H. H. Hopkins of Owensboro to visit Rockport and deliver one or more sermons and, if possible, organize a society.

Rev. Hopkins came to Rockport and arranged to fill an appointment on the fourth sabbath of September on which occasion he preached in the M. E. church.

On the 10th of November, the church was organized at the home of Mr. Markel. The charter members were James A. Gray, Mrs. Nancy Gray, George Kerr, Mrs. James Kerr, John Atkinson, Abigail Stites, Elizabeth Markel and Suzanne Johnson.

The first elders were James A. Gray and George Kerr. In the fall of 1850, Rev. Mr. McAfee was employed to preach once a month for ten months for $50.

The congregation purchased the lot on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets and the church was built in 1855-56 for the sum of $3,500. It was dedicated in August 1856 by Rev. Alexander Sterrett and Rev. H. H. Hopkins, both former ministers.

On May 28, 1868, Rev. W. L. Nourse was chosen as pastor of the Rockport Presbyterian church. He resigned in April 1885 having served longer than any other pastor.

A. H. Kennedy built the first organ for the church in 1885. It was used until 1896 when the pipe organ was installed. Mr. Kennedy directed the choir for many years.

In Jan. 1898, Rev. Montgomery was called the second time to take charge of the work. At the end of his services, the list of members was 121.

As the years went by, the younger members moved away and the older ones passed on to their final reward. The church rolls dwindled to just a few members.

In June 1945, the building was leased to the Rockport Lodge No. 112 Free and Accepted Masons. On May 14, 1952, they purchased the building from the Presbytery of Vincennes.

John Atkinson and George Kerr, both charter members of the church, were the grandfathers of Allen V. Atkinson.

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Remarkable woman dies

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Death of a Remarkable Woman

Mr. John G. Rimstidt, of this city, attended the funeral of his grandmother, his father's mother in Ripley county, this state, last Monday. She reached an age rarely attained by people of this day and generation, being 94 years, 6 months and 17 days, at the time of her death. She was the mother of seventeen children, ten of whom are living, and eight of them attended her funeral. Her grandsons were her pall-bearers, no two of whom belonged to the same family. Her last illness was of about two weeks duration, and up to that time she had enjoyed good health and did her own housework. During last season she cultivated her own garden. She was born in Germany, where she was united in marriage with John G. Rimstidt. In 1842 she and her husband, with eight children, one of whom was born on the ship coming over, arrived in this country. They soon after located in Ripley county, Indiana, which was her home until her death. They settled in the woods, cleared a farm, and assisted in building up the country. Her first husband died 18 years ago, and she had since united in marriage with John Bultman, who survives her at the age of 84 years. Her first husband was 84 at the time of his death. She had long been a devoted member of the Lutheran Church and leaves the record of a long and well spent life.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 30,1900.)

Revolutionary War Relic

We have a Revolutionary War relic in The Journal office--a bridle bit picked up on a battlefield of that war by the great-grandfather of W.H. Parker of Ohio Township. His great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and one of the Indian wars, and died at the age of 103 years.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Mar.15, 1901.)

Married

On the first day of July, 1858, by James T. Morgan, Esq., Mr. John Burdick to Miss Emeline Fickle, all of this county.

(The Democrat, July 3,1858.)

A Terrible Entanglement

"I married a widow who had a marriageable daughter. My father, who often came to see us, took a fancy to my step-daughter and married her. Thus my father became my son-in-law, and my step daughter became my mother, since she was the wife of my father. Some time afterward my wife had a son; he was the brother-in-law of my father, and also my uncle, as he was the brother of my mother-in-law. The wife of my father, my step-daughter, also had a son; of course this son was my brother, and at the same time my grandson, since he was the son of my daughter. My wife was my grandmother, since she was the mother of my mother. For myself, I was at once the husband and the grandson of my wife; as the husband of a person's grandmother is his grandfather, I was my own grandfather.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 27,1873.)

Perry County Native Dies

John Q. Adams was born in Perry County, Indiana, February 12, 1835, died April 18, 1906, aged 71 years, 2 months and 6 days. He lived in Perry County until 1865 when he moved to Spencer County where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Nancy Finch who died in the '60's. To this union were born three children, two sons and one daughter. On December 22, 1863 he united in marriage to Margaret Hickerson. To this union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. He leaves a wife, ten children and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The remains were interred in Alexander Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 27,1906.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Mary Conner dies in 1901

Death of Mrs. Mary A. Conner

Mary Ann, daughter of James and Mary Light, was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, March 28, 1838. On Nov. 15, 1857, she united in marriage with Samuel L. Hamilton, who died in the service of the Union in 1864. To them were born four children, three of whom are still living. August 6, 1866, she married Albert Conner; of this union five children were born, four of whom are living. She joined the M.E. church about 42 years ago and lived a true and faithful Christian life until she fell asleep, Dec. 14, 1901. Funeral took place at Oak Grove Church, Dec. 16, services by Rev. D. Ryan, the pastor.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 1901.)

Clay Township man unruly

David Ruehle, aged forty years, of Clay township, unmarried, was brought down last Friday and put under Sheriff Winchell's care as an insane charge. He has been in this county only nine years and his relatives propose to send him back to Germany as soon as possible. Since he was placed in jail he has shown no signs of insanity. About six years ago he was placed in jail here on the same charge. He went crazy over religious excitement that time, and terrorized a meeting one night at Zoar church. He is a powerfully built man of great size and is carefully watched on that account.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 20, 1903.)

Mrs. Catherine Martha Adams

Catherine Martha Dobbins was born October 18, 1816, in Montgomery County, Va., departed this life at her home near Shiloh, this county, March 11, 1900, aged 84 years, 4 months and 24 days. In early life she moved to Hamilton County, Ohio. In 1835 she was united in marriage to Marvin Adams. In 1838 they moved to Spencer County, Indiana, where she has resided ever since. Four children were born to this union, three girls and one boy. Mr. Adams departed this life in 1844. Since his death, two of the daughters have gone to the Better Land. Mrs. Adams had been a widow for 55 years. Her only comfort has been in the service of God. At the age of 17 she was converted and joined the M.E. church, and for 67 years had been one of God's faithful children, always pious and devoted to the Lord's work. She tried to obey the rules of the church in attendance upon the means of grace. She was a great lover of the class meeting.

Her Christian life was worthy of imitation, not that it was perfect, not without faults, but in that she constantly trusted in God. Her life, in common with others, was many times beclouded with severe trials and bitter sorrows, but the Lord delivered her out of them all.

For four years Mrs. Adams had been a constant sufferer, a part of the time her mind being affected, but as the end drew near her mind brightened until she became unconscious. She died in the triumph of a living faith. She leaves to mourn their loss two children, Thomas Adams and Marietta Brown and ten grandchildren, together with other relatives and many friends, but they mourn not as those that have no hope. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 16, 1900.)

Aged woman dies following long illness

Mrs. Carrie Gaston Adams, 80, died Monday evening at her home near Shiloh, following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Shiloh Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery.

Deceased is survived by the aged husband Isaac Adams, two daughters, Mrs. Elva Price of near Rockport and Mrs. Louise Jennings of Elnora and three sons, Glenn Adams, of LeRoy, Ill., and Everett and Hazen of near Rockport. On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Adams had been married 62 years.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 21, 1944.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Surprise wedding to neighbors and friends is held

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, parially from old newspapers and clippings. The column is written with information as originally written.)

A surprise wedding

On Wednesday evening at the home of the bride on Fourth Street, Miss Mary C. Clement and Dr. James Turpin were united in marriage by Squire Stewart. The wedding was a surprise to all the friends and neighbors, as no one knew that any courtship had been going on.

It was intended to keep the matter a secret but it leaked out. The bridegroom is 73 years old while the bride is 55. This is her first matrimonial venture. Here's hoping that life may look young and fair to them.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 2, 1903.)

Death

Margaret Elizabeth Hickerson was born Feb. 11, 1846, in Breckinridge County, Ky., and died Dec. 4, 1923 of a complication of diseases. In 1864 she was married to John Q. Adams to which union nine children were born, four of whom preceded her to the Great Beyond.

She joined the Baptist church early in life and lived a consistent Christian life. She leaves five children, Emma of Indianapolis, Flora of Warrick County, John, James and Cora of this county, besides three stepchildren, 31 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 6, at Alexander Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 14, 1923,)

Maxville news

Mr. Ad Arnold, his wife, child and a young lady and his wife's mother were enroute to Cannelton in a two-horse rig, met the train about one mile this side of their destination, which frightened the team, causing it to run, throwing them out, some on the track just in front of the train, others near, breaking the child's leg and bruising it and breaking the mother's back, injuring Mr. Arnold slightly, the others escaping without serious harm.

His mother-in-law was snatched from off of the track in time to save her from being killed instantly. His wife was an invalid.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 18, 1894.)

Death of William Gray

William Gray was born in Stattered County, Mo., May 3, 1839, died April 29, 1894, aged 54 years at the poor house of Spencer County, after a long illness of consumption.

He came to Spencer County when 7 years of age, and served four years as a member of the 25th Ind. Vol., during the war of the Rebellion. When he became helpless from disease, being without means of support. at his own request, he was taken to the county poor house where he was kindly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Pennington during his last illness.

His comrades also visited him and assisted in ministering to his wants. At his request his funeral was conducted by Spencer Post GAR and his remains tenderly laid to rest in Mt. Zion Cemetery on Monday last, the Rev. W.P. Wallace officiating.

Twenty-one members of the post attended, and assisted in the last sad rites, and all seemed deeply touched by the solemnities of the occasion. Although their comrade died in an almshouse the old veterans seemed to pay as much respect to him as though he had been a king.

Of the pall bearers, five were of his regiment: Co. J.S. Wright, the commander of his regiment, Capt. Sam Laird, the commander of his company and William L. Partridge, his orderly sergeant, and comrades J.H. Taylor and Edward Cosgrove.

It is a shame that one of those brave men who endured so much that the Union might be preserved should ever be permitted to die in a poor house, and we hope the like will never occur again in Spencer County at least. A grateful and patriotic people such as we claim to be should never allow one of the old veterans to want for the comforts of life. As recommended in the Republican platform, published on the first page of this paper, a suitable soldier's home should be established by the State "for the reception of such soliders, their wives and widows, as may be overtaken by adversity."

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1894.)

Queries

Steve Sisley, President of the Spencer County Historical Society, at 362-8586, wants confirmation of the Spencer County Rev. Soldier William McCoy's middle name being Levi. The war file for William Levi McCoy states this and the historical society would like proof that it is the same man buried on the Moffet farm in 1842 in Luce Township.

The Rev. Glenn A. Rogers of Route 1, Box 276, Walnut Ridge, Ark., 72475, said his family was here on a brief trip and unable to finish their research. He wants help concerning surnames: McGuffy, Black, Garrison, Tennyson and Hunt of Spencer and Warrick counties.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

5-year-old boy kidnapped

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings and written in its original form.)

Kidnapped

A five-year-old son of Fred Wagner, merchant at Mariah Hill, this county, was kidnapped last Monday about noon by a man giving his name as Edward Clinton, but he was followed by a constable and posse and arrested with the child in the woods about four miles from its home, the same evening.

Clinton gave as an excuse for his crime that he was drunk at the time he enticed the child away and did not know what he was going, but that was not believed by the enraged citizens of that place, who would no doubt gave administered lynch law to him had he not been hustled away to Rockport and placed in the county jail for safekeeping.

Clinton had been at work in that vicinity for about three months at the painter's trade, but further than that nothing is known of him, as he refuses to tell where he came from. He is an Englishman about 43 years of age. His object in taking the child is unknown, unless it was for the purpose of exhorting money from its parents.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 12, 1894.)

Death of Chastina Miller

Chastina Cunningham was born Dec. 16, 1816, in the State of Vermont and departed this life April 28, 1900, age 83 years, 4 months and 12 days. At the age of 4 years she came to Switzerland County, Indiana, where she resided with her parents until her marriage to Thomas N. Miller, Oct. 12, 1837, at Patriot, Ind.

To this union six children were born, three boys and three girls: Marion, Melissa, Emma, Scott, Cornella and Frank. Of these, two, Marion and Cornelia, have already preceded her to the better land. In the year 1854 they removed to Spencer County.

The county about them was new and neighbors far apart. They were pioneers then in one of the prettiest portions of Luce Township. They lived to see and assisted in opening up the wilderness about them. All of her life she was a lover of the church and greatly enjoyed the privileges of the sanctuary. She was converted and joined the M.E. Church at Shiloh under the administration of the Rev. J.M. Nash in the first year of the pastorate.

She was genial and kind in her disposition, always with a tender heart and open hand of charity for any in distress. She was greatly loved by all, both family and friends. To know her was to love her. She was left a widow 23 years ago and since then has made her home with her adopted daughter, Inez. She suffered constantly for four days until God called her from labor to reward.

In the midst of her suffering, she relied on this promise, "If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him." Her life was that of a consistent Christian and a devoted mother and she died in the triumph of a living Christian faith. She leaves to mourn her loss, four children and a number of relatives and a large circle of friends. These do not mourn as those who have no hope, for our loss is Heaven's gain.

The funeral took place at the Shiloh M.E. Church Sunday at 2 p.m. in the presence of a large congregation conducted by the pastor, the Rev. S.J. Shake. Her body was laid to rest in the Richardson graveyard. Peace be to her ashes.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 4, 1900.)

Schools

The Spencer County Historical Society is about to undertake another major project. The old schools of Spencer County are slowly disappearing and we would like to remember the past by compiling a short story about each of the schools, both one-room and also the defunct more recent schools.

The public can assist in this project by allowing us to photocopy old photos and other data such as graduation announcements, plays and programs etc. We can copy while you wait--no need to part with your treasured memories.

The following people have expressed interest in Luce and Ohio Township, Duane Walter and Paul Rimstidt; Grass Township, Sheila Brown; Clay Township, Sharon Patmore. As you see, we need more volunteers to complete this project. Call Steve Sisley at 362-8586, Sharon Patmore at 362-7268 or Kris Manley at 362-8256.

Query

Sharon Hiltibidal of 3104 S. 4th Street, Springfield, Ill. 62703, is looking for the burial site of Ansel Burton White, died 1877 prob. Warrick County, Ind. and also his son, George Washington White, d. 1863 Civil War. Also researching: Browns, Whites, Carahans and McCoys. He would like to hear from any descendants still living in Indiana.

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Christmas reunion is enjoyed by Beelers

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings and is written in its original form.)

A pleasant family reunion

As has been their custom for many years, the family of Uncle John Beeler met on Christmas in annual family reunion and took dinner on that day at the old home, four miles west of Rockport. Every member of the family and a few visiting relatives and friends being present, and a very enjoyable time had. It is a very remarkable family.

Mr. and Mrs. Beeler are aged 69 and 63 respectively, and are still hale and hearty, have a family of seven children, Dr. W.R. Beeler, aged 43 of Rockport, being the eldest and John H., aged 23, the youngest, still living at home with the parents, a death never having occurred in the family.

The children are: Dr. W.R. Beeler, Mrs. Arvilla Boyd, Mrs. Violla Mattingley, Claud G. Beeler, Netter G. Beeler, Frank Beeler and John H. Beeler, all residing in Spencer County. *The Journal* wishes them the return of many more such pleasant annual reunions.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 28, 1894.)

Henry Harmon Schnuck

On Saturday afternoon, Feb. 18, at 2 o'clock, a long and useful life came to its close. Henry Herman Schnuck was born Dec. 1, 1838, at Gehrde, Hanover, Germany. At the age of 17 he emigrated to America landing at Baltimore. From there he went to Cincinnati, where he was married Jan. 8, 1864, to Dorothea M. Broecker.

To this union was born 10 children. On 1868 they came to Clay City in Clay Township, Spencer County, where the deceased spent the rest of his life. Mr. Schnuck was a shoemaker and farmer. In the former trade he served the entire community in the earlier days. For the past few years his health has been declining, still the end came somewhat unexpectedly.

Ever since the deceased lived at Clay City he has been an active member of the Evangelical church, holding different offices in the church. The family has lost a dear companion and father, the community a kind old neighbor.

He leaves to mourn his death his aged companion, eight sons, Henry F. of Lamar, George of Carter Township, John of near Buffaloville, Albert W. and Louis B. of Vincennes, Carl and Waldo of this neighborhood, Frank W. at home and Mrs. J.C. Eichling of Gore, Okla. One daughter, Mrs. Catherine Schroeder preceded him in death, Dec. 7, 1917. Besides the granddaughter, Elsie Schnuck, reared in the home, there are 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon with interment in Clay City Cemetery, the Rev. Askan Steuler conducted the services. The six oldest sons acted as pall bearers.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 24, 1922.)

Caroline Bockstahler

Caroline Bockstahler, nee Krause, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, May 24, 1841, the second oldest child of William and Eva Krause. In 1850, when she was but nine years of age, she came to America with her parents, who finally settled in Spencer County near Dale.

Here practically all her life was spent. In 1861 she was united in marriage with John Bockstahler, a farmer near Dale, with whom she lived happily until his death in 1877. To this union were born seven children, of whom six survive their mother. Mrs. Bockstahler's health had been failing her some time but the final summons came all too sudden Friday morning, Sept. 1, 1911, at her daughter's home, in Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

The deceased was a true Christian woman and beloved by all for her sunny disposition and kind heartedness. She was confirmed at an early age in the German Evangelical Church but later united with the GME church of which she remained a consistent member the remainder of her life.

She leaves to mourn her dying, six children namely: Rev. William Bockstahler of Evansville, Mrs. Samuel Schmitt and Fred Bockstahler of near Dale, Mrs. George Reiss and Jacob Bockstahler of Mt. Vernon and Louis Bockstahler of Cleveland, Ohio, also an only sister, Mrs. Wilhelmina Tonnemacher of near Lamar besides a host of other relatives and friends. We shall miss her dear face in our circle, but we know if we have faith the separation will not be forever. She has only preceded us to that land where there are no sorrows.

Funeral services were held at her home near Dale, also at the GME church last Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 5, by the Rev. Klause. Six of the grandchildren were pall bearers. The bereaved family are not alone in their sorrow and their many friends extend heart-felt sympathy.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 15, 1911.)

Queries

Micki Crozier of Route 2, Box 130, Sedgwich, Kan., 67135, is looking for descendants of John S. and Rachel (Fagin) Donham.

The Spencer County Historical Society, Spencer County Library, Rockport, Indiana 47635, is interested in locating information on the following surnames: Sanders, Palmer, Seay and Wartham of Spencer and Perry counties.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

September 14, 1989

Oldest man in area dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Oldest man in area passes on

Peter Lehnen, the oldest man in this community, was called to his reward Saturday, having attained the ripe old age of 90 years, 2 months and 16 days. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, one son and three daughters, who have lost in him a dear companion and loving father. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning after which the body was laid to rest in the Mariah Hill Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved. May he rest in peace!

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 12, 1912.)

Will of Peter Lehnen

The will of Peter Lehnen, late, a resident of Carter Township, was probated May 6. All the property of deceased in bequeathed to his wife, Johanna Lehnen, and at her death to go to testator's children, Gertrude Bosler, Mary Hufnagel, Sophia Arnold and Mathilde Schneider. It is also directed in the will that one horse be given upon the death of testator to his son, Frank Lehnen. The will was made Jan. 19, 1894 and was witnessed by Paul Ender and Ben Stahlman.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 10, 1912.)

Mariah Hill death

Mrs. Adam Grundhoefer died last Monday, after a short illness. On Saturday evening she suffered a paralytic stroke and she survived but two days. The funeral occurred Wednesday morning, the body being interred in the Mariah Hill Cemetery, the Rev. Maurice Wagner officiating. Mrs. Grundhoefer was past 52 years of age and leaves a husband, three sons and one daughter. Mrs. Grundhoefer had not been well for about a year. The funeral was very largely attended.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 4, 1904.)

Queries

Bob Kunz of 911 William, Huntingburg, Ind., is inquiring of Laura Clara Olding b. Jan. 6, 1858, Kentucky, married Joseph Kunz May 21, 1878, Dubois County. Ind., and died May 22, 1925 in Huntingburg.

She had a brother named John. She is seeking the parentage of these and possibly other siblings.

Pauline Bunner of Rockport, Ind. 47635, is interested in family information from the Bible and any pictures of the Overall family: Nathaniel Overall married Evelyn McCoy and their son, William's, Civil War papers mention a family Bible.

Shirley Hornbeck of Route 5, Box 310-0688-643, Livingston, Texas, 77351, publishes Hornbeck and Hardwick Hunting, is seeking information on William Nathan? Hornbeck 1867-1871 married 1888 to Henrietta Baker, d/o Henry and Amanda Wood Baker. She is also seeking information on the Baker and Wood families. Amanda Wood was raised by her grandparents. What happened to her parents, Alexander and Hannah Smith Wood?

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Frank Kinchel dies

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Frank Kinchel dies

Died April 10, 1904, at his late residence, at this place, Frank Kinchel, aged about 69 years. Mr. Kinchel was born in Germany, Dec. 3, 1835, and came to the United States about the year 1853, stopping at Gentryville, where he continued to make his home until his enlistment in the early part of the war of the rebellion when he became a member of Co. E 25 Indiana Vol. Infantry. He served through the war, made an excellent soldier, was wounded in the head at the battle of Ft. Donnelson and left on the battle field as dead.

Chaplain F.A. Heuring found him unconscious and more dead than alive, removed him to a place of safety and where medical assistance could be supplied. Frank recovered and returned home.

Time secured him a wife and a happy family of two sons, William I. and Henry B., of Evansville and four daughters, Mrs. E.L. Hilderbach of Evansville, Mrs. Naoma Schnell of Johnsburg, Miss Tilla, still at home, and Mary H., deceased. Mrs. Kinchel still survives him and with her daughter, Tilla, will continue to make her home in Dale. Besides his immediate family, Mr. Kinchel leaves two brothers one in Germany, the other in Russia.

For 30 years Mr. Kinchel was engaged in farming at Johnsburg, 20 years of which he decided between his regular vocation and that of acting as agent for the Air Line Railroad, besides being postmaster of Johnsburg for 15 years. Some eight years ago he retired from active business pursuits, bought a commodius house in our town where he continued to live till the day of his death.

Mr. Kinchel had long been a constant suffer from that excruciating malady rheumatism, which finally culminated in his death. He was a member of the M.E. church, a constant Christian gentleman of a happy jovial disposition, a good neighbor, a model husband and father, a most excellent citizen and enthusiast Republican.

Mr. Kinchel knew that the end was near. For several weeks he had suffered untold misery, that was wearing away his small surplus of vitality. Calling his wife and children about him he gave instructions as to funeral, selecting the pall bearers, the minister, etc., to the minutest details. He preferred that his old Army Chaplain, the Rev. F.A. Heuring, have charge of the religious exercises, his old comrades in arms even selected as pall bearers, the Grand Army of which he was a member was to take charge of his remains up to the coming of the 12 o'clock train Tuesday, when the Huntingburg Lodge and F&AM would take charge and consign the body to the tomb.

Every detail carried out as he had desired and himself planned.

Frank Kinchel was laid to rest Tuesday noon, April 12, 1904, the Rev. F.A. Heuring assisted by the Rev. F.L. Priest, conducted the services and comrades N. Harter, Ed Stone, E. Whitten, James Whitten, J.A. Medcalf, J. Elliott, W.L. Wood, J.S. Wright, Sol Boyer and F. Bridges were pall bearers.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 15, 1904.)

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Residents are murdered

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Murder will out

Readers of the *Democrat* will recall to memory the mysterious murder of the wife and son of one, Peter Geldricht, a German farmer residing in Huff Township. Eight years have passed away, and no clue to the perpetrators of the horrible deed was discovered until recently, when a man lying upon the point of death confessed that he and another villian were the authors of the crime.

The confessor's name is Joseph Schuh, and his partner Joseph Denhaur. They were both residents of Troy, Perry County. In the next next issue we will lay before our readers a full and complete history of this unprecedented murder.

Note: I checked for three weeks and never found the details.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 17, 1877.)

Levias Hancock

Levias Hancock, son of Edward W. and Mary Hancock, was born in Clermont County, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1856, died May 15, 1919, aged 62 years, 7 months and 29 days. Levias was the oldest of a family of five children. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Cotton, May 6, 1884. To this union four children have been born, two sons and two daughters.

Mr. Hancock united with the New Hope Baptist Church in the fall of 1880. He was a charter member of the MWA Lodge of Newtonville, also a member of the IOOF Lodge of Newtonville. The family and relatives extend to these two orders their heartfelt sympathy for their kindness and benevolence during his sickness and patient suffering.

The past 15 years Mr. Hancock has been in the employ of the government as teacher in the industrial school at Toma, Wis. To this work he gave his entire time, and through his careful and untiming efforts of this school it has become the best in the service of the government.

He leaves to mourn his departure his devoted wife, two sons, one brother and two sisters, his two daughters having preceded him to their eternal home some years ago.

Mr. Hancock was ready and willing to go. He knew his departure was at hand, he fought a great fight, he had finished his course. He had kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid for him a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give him at that day and not to him only but unto all them also that love his appearing. The remains were not to him only but unto all them also that love his appearing. The remains were brought to Newtonville, his old home for burial where the funeral took place May 18, servings being conducted by the Rev. McKinney, pastor of the M.E. Church at that place.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 23, 1919.)

They did love

Hariotte Nixon is a pretty, fascinating girl up in Clay Township, and John B. Campbell, whoever he is, is a young fellow with rather romantic ideas. But be that as it may, the preface has nothing to do with our story.

Last Sunday a week Campbell by accident or chance, it don't matter which, formed the acquaintance of Harriette. As is usual, in such cases, there was the conventional display of nice words and modesty between the twain--but more than this.

A reciprocal affection immediately sprang into life, and after--to them--a few brief minutes, they entered into a solemn compact that hereafter the two hearts should throb in harmonious accents as one. Everything seemed satisfactory to the old folks, and last Saturday County clerk Romaine issued marriage license to them, and Sunday morning the eternal decree was duly and solemnly rendered.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 10, 1877.)

Updated Soldiers List

Norman O. Hughes, New Hope Cemetery; James Lloyd, Ebenezer Cemetery; Sylvester Blair and Gus Z. Wilson, Hatfield Cemetery; Ron Land, Purcell Cemetery; Joseph Wikowski, William Payton Sr. and O. Jay Lindsey, Sunset Hill Cemetery; Frank Morris, Midway Cemetery.

October 5, 1989

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Woods on fire causes damage

(Hoosier Ancestors is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Fires of 1856

The Democrat was sorry to chronicle the fact that last Saturday and Sunday were sad days to many of the farmers of Luce, Ohio and Jackson townships. The woods had caught fire in those townships and high winds prevailing, done an incalcuable amount of injury to many farms. William Carter residing in Luce, lost nearly all his fencing and much valuable timber. Other farmers suffered like injuries, while many barely saved their property by powerful exertions.

The heavy rain on Sunday evening seemed like a providential interference on behalf of our suffering friends by staying the further progress of the devouring element.

Taken from *The Democrat*, Nov. 8, 1856.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 7, 1913.)

Aged woman dies

Mrs. Amanda Dougherty, aged 78 years and 12 days, died at her home on Walnut Street Wednesday morning at 3:45 o'clock, death being due to a complication of diseases. Funeral service was held from the resident of her son, John A. Doty, of Elm Street Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. J.J. Robinette conducted the service. Interment took place in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Dougherty was the widow of Capt. John R. Dougherty, a veteran river man.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 31, 1913.)

Henry Cross passes on

Henry Cross, a well known citizen of Gentryville, formerly of Pigeon Township, Warrick County, died Friday morning last, of cancer. He was buried at Gentryville Saturday morning by the Masons, he being a member of that order.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 25, 1889.)

Still for sale

C.V. Brown, Esq., who owns a farm of 212 acres of land, within two miles of Rockport, still offers it for sale. This is one of the most desirable farms in Spencer County. All cleared except 70 acres, and under high state of cultivation, with all the necessary buildings for comfort and convenience.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Oct. 19, 1878.)

50th annniversary

Last Saturday being the 5th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. John Romine and wife, his son, Mr. James Romine, and his son-in-law, Mr. Sidney Stocking, and families, of this city, made an unexpected visit to the old people with their congratulations and many valuable presents.

Soon the old dining table was fairly groaning beneath the weight of substantials and delicacies, surrounded by the old folks, their children and grandchildren. What a blessing to be thus spared, and what a pleasure to be thus loved and honored.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, April 12, 1879.)

Dorothea Brenner buried

Mrs. Dorothea Brenner, first wife of the late Charles P. Brenner, of this city, died at her residence last Saturday, of erysipelas. Arrangements were accordingly made for the burial on Sunday, but her daughter not believing her mother dead objected, and the burial was postponed until Monday. During the day on Sunday the daughter, to test whether or not life was extinct, inflicted a deep wound in the arm and leg of the corpse. No signs of life appearing, the body was interred Monday last.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Dec. 6, 1879.)

History Of Clay Township Churches

(By Mrs. K. K. Kennedy)

Information concerning churches in Clay township was compiled by Mrs. K. K. Kennedy, a resident of that township, and includes St. Paul's, Mt. Zion, Little Pigeon, and St. John's. An account of Old Pigeon will be found on page one Section C in a paper compiled by Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann.

St. Paul's

This church, although now inactive, still has ten members.

The following paragraphs, taken from an old record were translated from the German language into English.

"After legal notice was given for the organization of an Evangelical Protestant church, a meeting was held on the 2nd day of September 1855 in Santa Fee, township of Clay, Spencer County, State of Indiana.

"The congregation was then truly organized under the following title: "Evangelical Protestant Church", and the following persons elected as their trustees: William Kanzler, John Brinkman and Barthold Bartols.

"That the above is a true and correct statement, we subscribe our names, Santa Fee, Nov. 10, 1855. H. Bauermeister, president; William Kanzler, clerk.

"Filed 9 a. m., Nov. 26, 1855 and recorded in record No. 1, Miscellaneous Matter, page 11. Signed, G. A. Fairfield."

The first pastor of the church was Christian Wittenbach.

Little Pigeon Missionary Baptist

In 1840, thirteen charter members organized Little Pigeon Missionary Baptist church and held church service in Pigeon school house for five years.

In 1845, the first building was erected about a half mile southeast of the present location. In 1872, the second building was built just east of the church now standing.

In 1893, the present building was completed and dedicated.

In 1952, '53 and '54, the belfry was rebuilt and a full basement was put under the building with an oil heating system.

The first pastor was Rev. Robert Snyder. Rev. V. W. McClanahan is the present pastor. There are approximately a hundred members of the church.

St. John Evangelical & Reformed Church, Lamar, Indiana

A community in Clay Township was started between 1850 and 1860 and has since been known as Clay City. The residents of the community were farmers and had come from Cincinnati, Ohio.

The nearest churches of the Evangelical faith were at Santa Fee now Santa Claus, and Fulda or Kratzburg. The church at Santa Claus was located where the Candy Castle now stands.

Desiring a church more conveniently located an organization meeting was held at Clay City on March 20, 1865. The Rev. Ankele of Salem Evangelical Church in Huntingburg presided at this meeting. The meeting took place in the Schoolhouse located on the corner lot of the present property. Meetings continued to be held in the school house until the present church was built in 1866. Sometime later the steeple was built and the bell was placed in 1871.

Charter members were: John Henry Tonnemacher, John Frederick Brinkman, John Peter Schroeder, John Henry Schroeder, John Frederick Reckweg, John Henry Brockman, John Henry Ravens, John Henry Meiers, Richard Hoops, Harmon H. Casten, John D. Casten, William Kroeger, Deidrich Meier, Gerhard, Henry Brinkman, Henry Rolfing, Cord Reinke, Frederick Wardelman, J. Henry Ravens, Henry Harmon Bahn, George Recke and Catherine Helmich.

In 1865 it was decided to build a parsonage and secure a minister, The Rev. John Jacob Bodmer, a student minister from a mission school in Basil, Switzerland was the first minister and preached his first sermon for the congregation on November 20, 1865.

A log building was built at that time and served as the parsonage until the present parsonage was built in 1909. It is located across the road from the church. The north end of this five-acre tract is the site of the burial ground, and it has been taken care of by the members.

The Sunday School was organized in 1876. It is an active organization with 90 members enrolled at present.

The Women's Guild was organized in 1893 and throughout the years has been very active in supporting the entire church program.

One son of the congregation entered the ministery, namely, Rev. Louis B. Schnuck, who at present is pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical and Reformed church near Holland, Indiana.

The church at Clay City is located one mile north and three miles west of Lamar, Indiana, and is registered with the Synod as St. John Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lamar, Indiana.

There are 120 members at present and Rev. H. H. Peters of Huntingburg is serving as pastor.

Mt. Zion
Founded in 1820

This church is situated in Clay Township, Spencer County, Indiana, about three quarters of a mile south of Sante Fee, on the old Rockport and Santa Fee road.

There was an organization several years before the first church was built in 1820. They would hold meetings among the different members, until about the year 1832, when John R. Conner purchased a farm from Luther Greathouse and moved into the community. He was a man of ability and influence. He donated three acres of ground for a church and cemetery.

The first church was a hewed log house erected about the year 1835. There is no exact date of this. This house was replaced by a frame building in 1860, but the house was not dedicated until 1861. The members christened it Mt. Zion Christian church.

Following are most of the charter members:

Hugh Masterson (Hickory Peeler) Hugh Masterson (Broken Arm Hugh), Wason Masterson, Rese Masterson, Aaron Masterson, Jackson Masterson (An old Revolutionary War soldier, who died at the age of 109 years and was buried in the cemetery), Charles Clark, Absolom Pollard, Dudley Pollard, Jacob Wells, Jess Haskins, Trustin Woolen, Levi Lotimore, James Harris, Hesikiah Harris, Warren Harris, Masterson Harris, William Harris,, Robert McKim, Richard Rout, James Cooper, Milt Jackson, John Kennedy, James Beard, Johnathan Beard, William Beard, John Summers, Joshua Summers, Thomas Summers, Jacob Wells, John W. Lamar.

It is not certain that John Kennedy was a charter member, but if not, he joined later on and was one of the most prominent members.

Masterson Harris was the first preacher in the log house followed by Jacob Shivley, Philip Shivley, Henry Shivley, John Shivley, Abner Hobbs, Thomas Summers, Andrew Beard and John Summers.

Many of the younger generation of these members turned out to be preachers and occupied the pulpit here in later years. Nearly all of these charter members are now sleeping in the cemetery here.

The congregation's membership as of today is 75. The present structure was erected in 1922 under the pastorship of Rev. C. C. Lamar on the original plot.

The present pastor is Rev. Homer McAfee of Georgetown, Indiana.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Poisonous peaches kill chickens

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Poison kills chickens

What is conceded to be the first case of chickens dying from ptomaine poisoning in this vicinity occurred a few days ago. Mrs. Frank Emmons had purchased a can of peaches to be used on the table, but upon opening them noticed they did not have a wholesome appearance.

She decided not to use them, and taking the can to the chicken lot she poured out the peaches. Out of the flock of eight chickens, six were dead the next morning and the other two will die.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Sept. 14, 1923.)

Dale woman dies

Mrs. Helen Hilderbrand, the wife of Nathan Hilderbrand, aged 67 years, died of pneumonia at her home two miles northwest of town Tuesday morning. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. John Royer at the family residence. The remains were brought to the Dale Cemetery for interment on Wednesday morning.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 15, 1895.)

Gerald Totten found

William Totten has located his missing son, Gerald, whom he had not heard from for eight years. Gerald, who had been in South America, by a strange coincidence, arrived in Detroit on the same day just before Christmas, that his mother died in that city. Not knowing any of his relatives were located there, he left the city.

Desiring to join a union, he wrote to Evansville for a recommendation. The Evansville union head, who was acquainted with his father, wrote the father. Mr. Totten sent the letter to his daughter, Ethel, of Detroit, who investigated and found her long lost brother. (Gentryville item)

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 8, 1922.)

Celebrates birthday

Last Sunday afternoon eight little friends of "Billy" Carey gathered at the home of Mrs. W.M. Carey to help him celebrate his third birthday. A color scheme of pink was carried out in the decorations of the home. A birthday cake bearing three candles was a feature of the table decorations. When luncheon was served, the candles were extinguished and before partaking of the goodies, Billy opened the packages containing the birthday presents. After luncheon the children were entertained with music and a dance by Joan Harrell.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Jan. 26, 1923.)

Woman at Lincoln City badly burned

Mrs. H.J. McLin, wife of the station agent at Lincoln City, was badly burned last Friday morning and only Tuesday were positive hopes entertained for her recovery.

While attending to the wants of her 10-month-old baby, her night robe whipped into the open fire in the stove and was soon ablaze. She rushed to the kitchen and tore the robe and union suit from her as fast as she could and threw water on them so the house would not catch fire, then throwing other clothes about her, she called neighbors for assistance and her husband and medical aid was summoned.

She was in a very serious condition Saturday and Sunday, but was reported much better Tuesday afternoon. The babe is now afraid of her and will receive no attention from her.

(Taken from The Monitor (Grandview) March 21, 1918.)

Queries

Pat McConnaughay Gregory of P.O. Box 470561, Indianapolis, IN, 46247-0051, is looking for the ancestry of William Barker, born around 1796, probably Kentucky, died young in Indiana leaving widow, Eleanor (Hopkins), born Feb. 18, 1811 in Indiana, daughter of Henry Hopkins, born April 24, 1779 in Virginia, died around 1844 in Texas. They had several children and Eleanor married a second time to Thomas Brown, proprietor of Brown's Tavern which was moved to become part of the Pioneer Village in Rockport. Pat wants Henry Hopkins' wife name, as well as his mother's name and will glady exchange information with others.

The Spencer County Historical Society, Spencer County Library, Rockport, IN, 47635, is seeking information about the possible oldest tree in Indiana. It is believed to be located on Eureka Road and is a red oak. Please let the society hear from you if you have any information.

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Harness Manufacturer celebrates 91st Birthday

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun 26, Oct 1923)

Singer-Heady

Mr. Walter Singer, son of Henry Singer, living two miles north of Dale, and Miss Clyde Heady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah F. Heady, of near Dale, were married at the home of the bride's parents on the afternoon of Thanksgiving day, Rev. O.C. Taylor, pastor of the Dale U.B. church, officiating. They will make their home on the Martin farm north of Dale. Both the bride and groom are popular young people and have the congratulations of all. *The Reporter* joins in wishing them well.

(Taken from The Dale Weekly Reporter 6,Dec 1912)

Twenty-five Years Ago

Wm. W. Gaines will begin the erection of a new residence at once.

The old U.B. church is being torn down this week.

Mrs. Lucinda Blair, died Wed. morning of consumption.

(Actual date 1888) *The Dale Weekly Reporter 7, Mar. 1913*

Queries

Dale Vaught P.O. Box 412 Haubstadt, IN 47639 is researching the Vaught family. Especially need the death date and burial place for Amanda Howerton Vaught. She married Thomas Vaught in 1843 and supposedly died 1871 in Spencer county, IN. Thomas living in Gibson Co, IN. in 1880 and died there on 20, March 1891. Will answer all letters and share information.

Celebrates 91st Birthday

Sunday, February 24, 1935, was another outstanding date in the life of Mr. William Herron, our local harness manufacturer. It marked the ninety-first anniversary of his birth and also the reunion of all his children. The day was quietly celebrated at his home with his family..He has remarkably good health for one of his age and can be found each day at work in the harness shop, where he has so faithfully labored for more than fifty years. The children present were Mrs. Emma Shrode of Waterloo, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herron of Barberton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herron and daughter, Joan, of Centralia, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herron of Grandview, and Mr. Paul Maulding of Centralia. During the afternoon friends of Mr. Herron called to express their good wishes. Among them were Mr. T.C. Basye, Fred Heuring, John Feigel, L.M. John, Benj. Huffman, Prlf. A.H. Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, all of Rockport; Mrs. Rachael Woods and daughter, Miss Ora, of Evansville. Relatives and friends that were unable to be present expressed their sentiments with gifts and appropriate greeting cards. Friends of the community extend best wishes for many more pleaseant anniversaries for Mr. William Herron.

(Taken from The Monitor, February, 28, 1935.)

Obituary

Friends and relatives in this community recently received the news of the death of Marion Chancellor at his home in Nehawka, Neb. the obituary follows: Marion H. Chancellor was born in Spencer county, Dec. 1, 1865 and departed this life Oct. 12, having reached the age of 57 years, 10 months and 11 days. About Feb.1st, severe stomach trouble developed, which later took the form of cancer, this causing his death. In Sept., 1890 he was united in marriage to Birdie Bash, who together with seven children survive. Two children preceded the father to the great beyond. In 1906 the family moved from Indiana to Missouri, from there to Arkansas, then to the present home in Nebraska. Deceased was a member of the M.E, Church, having been converted at the age of 19 years. Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 15, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Finnefrock.

The Spencer County Historical Society meeting

By Erma Purviance

The Spencer County Historical Society met Oct. 8. at the Trinity United Methodist Church with 23 present. President Steve Sisley presided over the short business meeting. Secretary's report was read by Erma Purviance, approved as read. Thank you cards have been sent to Norman Hellmers and Ed Schoolcraft. Joyce Brown reported they sent the society several records of England. The immigration records can be looked up on the microfiche machine. The library proposals will be voted on at the next meeting. Work is still being done on location of old schools.

Guest speaker Orville Martin gave an interesting talk on Professor A.H. Kennedy, who was born in Ohio in 1846. One of his first inventions at age 17, was the foot pedal sheepshearing machine. His idea was passed along to the dentist drill.

After obtaining his Master's Degree at Oberlin College, he and his wife located permanently in Rockport. He was a school teacher and served as superintendent for 11 years. The Academy at the Kennedy building was named after him.

In 1887 he saw the need for a water system. Under his direction the Rockport water works was organized. About 1911 under his leadership the same company supplied the city with its first electrical current. He invented the hemisphere bottom water tower; the first was built in Boonville.

There was never a monument put up in his honor, but when you see the water tower, speedometer cable or the throttle on the lawn mower, you see a monument to Professor Kennedy who died in 1940.

The next meeting of the Spencer County Historical Society will be Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Youth and Community Center near Chrisney.

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Dale citizen dies

(Editor's note" This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in the form it was originally written.)

Ernest Purviance

Ernest Purviance died at his home in Dale about four o'clock Saturday afternoon, after a long illness of consumption. The funeral service was conducted at the U.B. church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the interment taking place at the Dale cemetery. Ernest was a young man of about 28 years of age. He was a Christian boy and loved by everyone. He leaves a wife and young baby and an aged mother, Mrs. Lena Purviance, with whom he has always made his home. Ernest had been a cripple for a number of years but was always of a jovial nature, and his leaving is painful not only to his family but to all of Dale's people. He was a member of the Dale U.B. church.

(Taken from The Dale Weekly Reporter, July 4, 1913.)

Rope must be the law

Mr. Isaac T. Anderson, one of the demonstrators in the Chrisney Liquor Cases threatened with Linch Law.

To the editor of *The Pocket* 8, May 1887

I herewith hand you a copy of a letter that has been sent me and request its publication, it reads as follows;

Mr. Isaac T. Anderson, You are hereby respectfully invited to make ammendments to some smite works that has been going at your place) if this is not settled, there will be an committee to wait on you withen short time and tend to your Buis., Rope must be the law if no other way.

Harrison county) Crawford Co) C.K.K. or other Co.)

The good people of this county can readily see where it comes from, and I desire to simply ask what I have done for which I should make amends. In demonstrating against the saloon men here, I have tried only to see that the law was enforced, this, and nothing more. I am asked to make amends but am not told how it is to be done, and should I fail I am threatened with a rope. Again I ask what have I done? Let the C.K.K.'s of Harrison, Crawford and otner Co's) rise up and explain. I.T. Anderson

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 14, 1887)

Obituary

Eliza Hilderbrand was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1835 and came to this county with her parents when a small child and lived here all the remainder of her life. She was married to James Hartley about 57 years ago. The union was blessed by ten children, six of whom are still living, they are, James N. of Chrisney, Mrs. Effie Gorman of near Dale, Schuyler C. of Evansville, Mrs. Ella Abbott of Chrisney, Rev. U.S. of Madison this state and Eugene of near Chrisney. Besides her children she is survived by 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Her husband died in May 1902. Since that time she made her home with her children and died of general debility at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Effie Gorman, Saturday morning, April 24, 1914. Funeral services were conducted at the residence Monday afternoon by Rev. Denny of the Huntingburg M.E. Church after which the remains were taken to Chrisney where short services were held at the grave by Rec. J.W. Johnson of Chrisney. Mrs. Hartley was a life long member of the M.E. Church and was always a faithful worker in the cause of the Master.

(Taken from Rockport Journal April 10, 1914)

Midway Post News

We all enjoyed our Thanksgiving vacation. Linda Purviance, Joan Mayberry, Nora Weber, and Leon Meyer made perfect scores in spelling this month. Patsy Pope was absent from school Thursday due to illness. Charlotte Mayberry was a visitor in our room lately. She is Joan's little sister. 3rd & 4th grade.

THE QUEEN IS CROWNED1

Miss Judy Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carpenter was crowned Basketball Queen Thursday night during the game with Chrisney. Her attendants were: Linda Pope, Ruth Purviance, Marilyn Gregory and Joann Smith. Donnie Cane, captain of the team place the crown on her head. Judy received $19.91 and Linda Pope $13.84 giving Judy the most votes.

(Taken from the Midway Post newspaper Dec 4, 1953.)

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Drinking habits are given

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is given in its original form.)

If you must drink

To married men who cannot get along without their drinks, the following is a solution to the bondage of their habit:

First, start a saloon in your own house. Second, be the only customer. You will pay no license. Give your wife $2 to buy a gallon of whiskey, and remember there are 96 drinks in one gallon. Third, buy drinks from your wife, and by the time the first gallon has gone she will have $8 to put in the bank and $2 to start business again. Fourth, should you live 10 years and continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have money to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man and quit thinking about you.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 24, 1914.)

Carter Township resident dies

Joseph Gorman, a highly respected citizen of Carter Township, died at his home two miles west of the Campground early Tuesday morning. Mr. Gorman had been in poor health for some time but his death came wholly unexpected. He rose that morning, ate his breakfast and was sitting by the fire when he took a hemorrhage and died immediately.

Mr. Gorman was about 68 years old and was a devoted member of the M.E. Church. He is survived by his wife and five children, all married. They are: Mrs. Charles Smith of near Dale, Mrs. Thomas Tiley of Chrisney, David of Moline, Ill., Oscar of Evansville and Orville who lives in the home neighborhood. The funeral will be conducted at the Dale M.E. Church this Thursday at 2 p.m. The burial will be in the Dale Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 22, 1922.)

News of 1889

Born to Mrs. Marshal Winkler, Monday, a big boy. To Mrs. Lafe Brown, Sunday a boy. W.W. Gaines moved his family to Chrisney Monday. He also took his salesman and has opened his store. Phillip Ehrmann, son of Jacob Ehrmann, of this place, died at his father's residence Saturday morning, of paralysis.

(Taken from the files of 1889, Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 29, 1915.)

Husband of Eleanor Rout passes on

Died at his residence in Clay Township, Spencer County, Indiana, on March 24, 1888 at 2 o'clock p.m. Burdine Rout, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with much patience, complaining but very little of his suffering. He was born in Hardin County, Ky., July 31st, 1826 and moved to Indiana in 1835 and united with the Mt. Zion Christian Church in 1848, in which church he remained a member until his death.

He was married to Eleanor Wood Jan. 18, 1849. He was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters, three of his sons having entered their blissful homes when quite young before their father died. He leaves a wife and three children with many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. His remains were interred in the Mt. Zion Cemetery.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, April 7, 1888.)

Post office robbery

The Chrisney Post Office robbery is being investigated carefully by H. Thiele, government inspector of Terre Haute. He was accompanied last week by marshall E.R. Cutler and trailed an automobile from just over the hill near town to Evansville then to Mt. Vernon. At this point five men with a large automobile crodded the river and were traced to Uniontown, Ky., at which place these men wanted to sell their auto at a very low price. At this point further trace of them has been vain as far as we are informed. Chrisney Sun.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 21, 1915.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

15-year-old dies in accidental hanging

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Accidental hanging

Lewis Gasser, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gasser of Mariah Hill, lost his life Saturday while playing in a swing, which was attached to a cedar tree near the kitchen door. His parents had left home for a couple of hours leaving their son and younger children at home.

A little girl who was caring for a baby in the house had noticed her brother go to the swing. He had previously been noticed in the act of wrapping the rope about his shoulders and spinning about as a child is wont to do, but she did not notice the fatal play which occurred later.

After a period of time she noticed the boy was kneeling on the ground with the rope wound about his neck and body cold in death. She had heard no outcry and it is believed that while spinning in the rope he struck the tree and was rendered unconscious and in falling the rope slipped to his neck and strangled him rendering him unable to help himself. One side of his face was badly discolored which supports the theory that he had struck the tree in his play.

The funeral service was held at Mariah Hill Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Gasser formerly lived near Dale and are well known here, he being a brother to Mrs. Andy Bettag of this place.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Aug. 1, 1914, really the 7th.)

Respected lady dies

Tuesday evening at 11 o'clock, death entered the home of John Wroe, living about four miles northeast of Chrisney, and took away the wife and mother. Mrs. Wroe, whose maiden name was Phoebe Hurst, was born in 1854, having reached the age of 69 years. She had been in ill health for over two weeks, and for the past 10 days death was expected momentarily. Death was due to gallstones of the liver.

She was a member of Turners Chapel for the past 40 years and lived a consistent Christian a member life. She told the Rev. McCoy just before she died that she was prepared and ready to go.

She is survived by the husband, five children, three boys, Forest, Winfield and George; two daughters, Mrs. Forest Bell and Mrs. Homer Price. Two brothers, Lafe and Commodore Hurst, of Oklahoma and two sisters, Malissa Goodnight of Canada and Laura Turney of Oregon; also surviving, together with several grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at New Hope Baptist Church conducted by the Rev. E.M. McCoy of Chrisney, with burial in the church cemetery.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, July 13, 1923.)

Visits from Illinois

Thomas Kincaid and wife of Illinois are visiting his sister, Mrs. Jonathan Parker, of Lake Mill. Sister and brother have grown old and near the sunset of life. We wish Uncle Tom a pleasant visit, for his next time of meeting sister may be beyond the river.

(Taken from Rockport Sentinel, July 25, 1883.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Justice of Peaces go into the marrying business

(Editor's note: This column was compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Rockport's Justice of the Peace - Advertise for Marriage Business

Rockport's two Justices of Peace have forgotten politics and have gone into partnership in the marrying business. They are going after business in the most modern way - through advertising. Rockport long has been a Gretna Green for southern Indiana and western Ken. couples and the former justice - J.M. Kestner, who served twelve years averaged a marriage a day with profits ranging from a dollar to ten dollars for each couple. The present justices are John G. Burkhart, a Republican, who was elected last fall, and C.C. Conner, a Democrat, who was appointed by the county commissioners. Although Burkhart and Conner have separate offices, they have decided that there's enough business and enough profits for both; so they have decided on a profit sharing plan. Their first ad runs like this: "Come on Boys, get married in Rockport. Day or night service. License on hand." And the boys will come, bringing their girls with them.

(Taken from the Evansville Courier and Journal, 12, May 1935)

Coroner's Inquest

State of Indiana Spencer county, SS.

I, Samuel F. Tenant, Coroner of said county certify that on this the 20th day of Nov., 1879, I held an inquest upon the body of a person found dead in his bed, on said day, at the "Veranda Hotel," in Rockport, and I having reviewed the body, and heard the evidence, and made all necessary inquiry, do find that the name of the Deceased was Frederick Ruth, aged about twenty-five(25) years; about five(5) feet ten(10) inches in height, dark hair and grey eyes; had in his possession at the time of his death 65 cents in money, besides a trunk and clothing, and that he came to his death from the disease of the heart or apoplexy.

Samuel F. Tenant, Coroner of Spencer County

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, 6, Dec. 1879)

Hand Cuffs

George Hufnagle to Mary Lehman, Solomon Evans to M.F. Butler, Samuel F., Hamilton to Mary E. Parsley, Christian Wetzel to Kate Koetzel, Solomon Fahr to Caroline Eble.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat 1, June 1878)

Local Girl Awarded Certificate of Merit

Miss Anna Scherer, of this city, has been awarded a certificate of merit in recognition of a 91% grading in a national amateur drawing contest, in which she competed last Nov. The work she submitted is spoken of as indicating much artistic ability and a good understanding of the elements of drawing. Miss Scherer is connected with the Rockport Democrat in a clerical position and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Scherer of this city. She is a graduate of the Rockport high school, class of 1930.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, 13, Feb. 1931)

Funeral

Funeral services for Arthur Crawford, 34, who died at Woodmere, Evansville, Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock are to be held this Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Little Pigeon. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Crawford is survived by his mother, Mrs. Clara Crawford; two brothers, Harry and Chester, and four sisters, Mrs. Addie Pointer, Mrs. Carl Stocking, Mrs. Jessie Lightfoot and Mrs. Catherine Weirs.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, 5, Feb. 1932)

Query:

A.R. Blair 4829 S 5th St. Louisville, Ky 40214 is seeking info on the Blair family, especially James Riley Blair, b. 1824 Warren Co., Ky. who lived in Spencer county for awhile. His wife was Ellen Houchin. James was the son of Henry Brown Blair and Mary Pace.

Correction

The following are corrected statements about the meeting of Oct. 8. We do have microfilm records for the United States, England and Germany but they will not be available until the library has completed the renovation process. We do not have any immigration records yet. Anyone wanting these records should visit a larger library and look at passenger lists or check the local courthouses for naturalization records.

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Civil War veteran dies at 84 year

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Civil War veteran dies

Matthew Pennington, aged 84 years, 16 days, died at his home, north of this city at 4 a.m. Tuesday morning after a few days' illness of pneumonia. At the age of 15, he joined the Union Army, Co. G 10 Indiana Calvary, with which he served his country for two years and eight months.

In 1872, he was united in marriage to Anna Robinson, who preceded him in death. To them five children were born, two girls, Ida at home, and Fannie, who died while young; and three sons, Charles and Floyd at home, and Richard, deceased.

Mr. Pennington was the last of a family of 15 children. He was born in Corydon, Nov. 8, 1847, and came to Spencer County with his parents in 1859, moving to this city 33 years ago. He shipped the first car load of livestock over the Airline Railway from Gentryville, now known as the Southern Railway, and had been a dealer in that trade all his life. His home was always open to those whom he could help.

Short funeral services were held at the home in north Rockport, Wednesday at noon and continued services were to be held at the Little Pigeon Church, with interment in Little Pigeon Cemetery, the Rev. Karl Kramer was in charge.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Nov. 27, 1931.)

Why genealogists have so much trouble
Names

Under the common law which prevails throughout most of the United States, a person's name is anything he or she chooses to make it after arriving at the age of independence. If I wanted to call myself Solomon Grundy and so announced, that would be my name. It would not be necessary for me to ask the permission of any court or legislature, though I might get into trouble if I changed my name to evade the laws, civil or criminal.

James Branch Cabell, famous American author, has just made the public announcement that his name is now simply Branch Cabell. Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the *Chicago Daily News,* just appointed head of the president's anti-hoarding commission, was christened William Franklin Knox, but he prefers to be known as Frank Knox, and that is therefore his legal name.

Presidents of the United States have changed their names, Grover Cleveland was Stephen G. Cleveland as a young man, and Woodrow Wilson as Thomas W. Wilson. Herbert Clarke Hoover has changed his name to plain Herbert Hoover, with which he signs all official documents. During the war King George of England changed the surname of the royal family from Wettin to Windsor, and his cousins, the Battenbergs, are now the Mountbattens. Your name is whatever you call yourself.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 4, 1932.)

Tuley-Ellis

John Tuley and Miss Abbey Ellis, who live a few miles west of Dale, were married last week. Mr. Tuley is well known in Dale. The *Reporter* joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life together.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 13, 1896.)

Note: Dubois Co. IN marriage book 6, page 61

William M. Tuley and Abbie Ellis married March 4, 1896 by James Ferguson. They did have a full life and were the parents of 12 children, three of whom are still living, namely: Ruth of Oklahoma, Henry of Boonville, and Viola of Florida. William died Jan. 7, 1957 while living with a daughter, Myrtle Brown of Evansville. Abbiegail died five years later on Feb. 12, 1962 in Evansville. John was a twin brother of William's and he married Mollie A. Griffin on Oct. 1, 1896 in Warrick County, IN.

Huff Township

Died April 25, an infant of John Q. and Helen Southwood.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, May 14, 1887.)

Maxville item

Theodore Gaesser Sr. of Troy died Aug. 26 after a short illness, aged 82 years. Another war veteran answered the last roll call.

(Taken from Sept. 5, 1913 form the Rockport Journal.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Employees quit at factory

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Employees quit

Nine men quit work at the Rockport button factory in a bunch, two of them were expert cutters and the other seven were men and boys of Rockport. One man cut 26 pounds of buttons in seven days and was allowed $1.85 for his work, but after deducting $1.76 for tools he had 9¢ left for his seven-day work, and the others were in proportion to what they cut.

The people are disappointed over the term of affairs, as they donated a house and lot at a cost of $4,500 with the understanding that home people were to be given employment at good wages. (Special to the *Louisville Courier Journal.)*

(Taken from Tell City News, Sept. 29, 1906.)

Buried in Dubois Co., IN

Died, on Wednesday the 18th, Mrs. Rebecca Enlow, of pneumonia. She was the widow of Thomas Enlow, who died a short time ago.

The funeral services were conducted at the residence on Friday morning by the Rev. A.E. Spooner of Gentryville, after which the remains were taken to the Mt. Vernon Cemetery for burial. The deceased leaves six children to mourn her loss.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Report, March 1, 1895.)

Mariah Hill item

Our citizen, Andy Gaesser, received the sad news last Saturday of the death of his brother, John, near Maxville. Almost at the same time he was informed that his son-in-law, Will Zackman, a brakeman on the L&N, was severely crushed while coupling two cars together and is lying in a critical condition in St. Mary's Hospital in Hawesville.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Gaesser in his hours of affliction.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Dec. 30, 1904.)

Stilwell-Griffin

John W. Stilwell, or Wes, as he is known by everybody, and Miss Louise Griffin, both of Dale were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony at the residence of W.W. Gaines Wednesday evening. The Rev. J.A. Richardson performed the ceremony that made them man and wife. They are well known by everyone.

The *Reporter* joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life together. The marriage was a surprise to every one. They immediately went to housekeeping.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Sept. 25, 1896.)

Mary M. Stafford

Mary E. Marshall was born in Perry County, IN, on May 15, 1857, and departed this life Jan. 2, 1931, at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 18 days. At the age of 20 years she was converted and joined the Baptist church at Grandview, later transferring her membership to the Rockport Baptist Church, where she held her membership for a number of years. Later moving to a neighborhood where there was no Baptist church, she with her husband joined the Methodist church. She lived a consistent Christian life, dying in the faith.

She always enjoyed talking about her Savior and nothing brought her more pleasure than attending church services.

On the 21st of December, 1884, she was united in marriage to William I. Stafford. To this union three children were born, two of which preceded her to the Great Beyond. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, and the husband, Mr. Stafford, two nephews, John Olsch of this city, and Roy Marshall of Winslow; three nieces, besides a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. W.C. Shrode. Burial was in the Whitehouse Cemetery near Rock Hill.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 9, 1931.)

Silo injury

While filling a silo on his farm on the Patronville Road last Thursday, John Haines was seriously injured. The ensilage cutter which was filling the silo exploded and several pieces of the machine struck Mr. Haines, who was a short distance away, breaking three ribs, puncturing one lung and cutting several bad gashes in his hip and arm.

This Thursday he is resting very well but is still in a serious condition.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 9, 1931.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Rockport druggist dies at age 76

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Death of a druggist

Taylor C. Bayse, age 76, veteran druggist of Rockport, died late Friday night of a throat ailment. His grandfather, Taylor Bayse, established a store at New Hope, just east of Grandview, about 1816, and in the 1930s located at Troy.

His father, John Bayse, founded the drug store in Rockport, where Mr. Bayse began clerking as a small boy. There is hardly an enterprise in Rockport in which he was not financially interested during his lifetime in that city.

Religious, fraternal and public affairs received his active attention and he was nearly always a contributor toward the support of all semi-public movements. The entire county will feel the loss of their valuable friend and advisor. In the Methodist church and the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities he was particularly active and held offices in each one for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl; two sisters, Mrs. Blanche Gilmore of Iowa City, Iowa, and Mrs. Edith Price of Stanford University, Calif. Funeral services were held in the Rockport United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, and interment in the Sunset Hill Cemetery was conducted by members of the Masonic Order.

(Taken from The Monitor, April 13, 1939.)

Wedding announced

We are in receipt of the following announcement: Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Kennedy announce the marriage of their daughter, Alberta Melita, and Mr. Benjamin Franklin Huffman, Thursday, June 28, 1906, Rockport, Ind.

Both the bride and bridegroom are very popular young people of Spencer County and the *Reporter* joins their many friends in extending well wishes. Mr. Huffman is the prosecutor of this judicial district and in addition has built up a lucrative law practice in this and adjoining counties. Mrs. Huffman is a very prominent society lady of many accomplishments.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 6, 1906.)

Gentryville items

Hiram Frakes and Eda Hopkins got spliced this week and went on their way rejoicing.

George Walters undertook to shuffle off this mortal coil; but his old pistol wouldn't work or his head was too hard; he is doing well. Too much snake juice was the cause.

We now have three stores, three blacksmith shops, three shoeshops, two saloons and any number of loafers.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 8, 1876.)

Died

Sarah Hitchcock, wife of Caleb Hitchcock, of Hammond Township, died May 26, 1876, at the age of 43 years. Mrs. Hitchcock was the mother of nine children, four of whom, three boys and a girl, preceded her in death. She was a most estimable lady, and was universally beloved by all who knew her.

When quite young she joined the M.E. Church, in the state of Ohio, but did not bring her letter of membership to this state when she came with her husband in 1838, to this county. Though not a member of the church militant at the time of her death, her friends rejoice in the hope that today she is a member of the church triumphant.

Mrs. Hitchcock leaves a husband, in very delicate health, and four children, besides a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

(Note: Buried at Hitchcock Cemetery. Caleb, died Dec. 14, 1876.)

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, June 3, 1876.)

News

Charles Bushrod died at his home yesterday morning from an attack of paralysis. He is a brother of "Buddy" Bushrod. He is 61 years of age and will be buried in the Johnson Graveyard, west of New Bethel, Friday afternoon.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Jan. 20, 1938.)

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ORGANIZATION OF BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Interesting Early History of Another of Spencer County's Primitive Baptist Churches—"Chin Miller"—The Abolitionists

CAPT. ISAAC WRIGHT'S MEXICAN WIFE

Some time in September 1855 under the leadership of Rev. J. D. Huff, Richard Richards and his wife Susan, Thomas Phillips and his wife Rebecca, Vincent Rust and wife, Susan Portwood, Rebecca Southwood, Margaret and Fanny Davis associated themselves together as a Baptist church. They named the organization Bethelhem and held meetings in the Huff school house.-- This organization flourished from its begining until the close of the civil war then integration began and some time in the early seventies the church disbanded, some of its members joining the church at Troy in Perry county. In 1852 Captain Isaac Wright came back from Mexico where he had been since the Mexican war and brought with him a Mexican lady of high standing and great wealth as his wife. She was an own cousin to Santa Anna and the widow of an Alcalde or governor of one of the States of Mexico. This lady brought with her two Peons, a boy and a girl, and two sons of governors of Mexican states to educate. All things were new to this rich woman and altho she was a Romanist her curiosity led her to go to see the protestants worship. It happened that Uncle Johnson Huff was the preacher that day. As he unfolded the text "come all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest," this woman's heart was moved. She said, "I am a Christian but I have no rest like you speak of." The plain old preacher stopped his sermonizing and revealed to this woman her needed Savior. She received Him as her Lord and demanded to go the Anderson river then and be baptized in her silk dress and with more than a thousand dollars worth of jewelry on her person. But baptism was deferred until she could be further instructed in the way. After the baptism she began to search the New Testament to find what she ought to do. She read, "when those makest a feast call the poor, the maimed, the blind," and three times a years this good woman made a feast for the poor for miles around and sent and brought in the crippled and the old. The governor's sons went back to their people at the beginning of the civil war. The peons grew to maturity and both became members of Bethlehem church. This good woman is buried on the old Captain Wright farm in Huff township, Spencer county. Soon after the church was organized John Miller (afterwards known as "Chin" Miller on account of his crooked chin) moved into the neighborhood joined the church and was made a deacon. At a speaking meeting the deacon once said "that some people in their ways were like the Scripter said, they strained at a gate and swallered a sawmill." When told by pastor Huff that he had not repeated the Scripture correct deacon Miller arose with great dignity and took the Bible from the desk and after quite a search found the passage and read strain at a g-n-a-t. (If that don't spell gate I don't know what does) and swaller a s-a (saw) m-a (mill) sawmill. With great dignity he slapped the book together saying "that's as plain as my face.". "As plain as Chin Miller's face" was a common saying for years in that neighborhood.

At the beginning of the civil war a large majority of the church members were abolitionists and they refused to allow any than abolitionists to preach to them. When one Rev. Ellis of Kentucky sent an appointment to preach at the school house, the people sent him word that "rebels were not safe on this side the river." and Ellis stayed on his own side the river. Years afterwards, however, this same man was called to be pastor of Bethlehem church.

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December 28 1984

Can anyone beat this record?

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A widow family

A new one came to light a few days ago that must be a record. It is said that a certain man of this county has had 43 widows in his ancestry and present day relation. He starts with two great-grandmothers, two grandmothers and the remainder are aunts, cousins and a niece; and there are also three old maids. Can anyone beat this feature?

(Taken from The Monitor, April 28, 1938.)

Obituary

Lorenzo Dow Conner

Was born in Spencer County, Ind., April 18, 1834 and lived in Spencer County, during his lifetime. Dec. 3, 1857 he was united in marriage to Rhoda Real. To them four children were born, W.C. H.V., Cimilda and W.H. Conner. The first three children died before the age of 15 years. W.H., the youngest boy lived to the age of about 25 years, having a wife and three children.

Mr. Conner was elected three times in succession as commissioner of Spencer County, serving seven years. He was cut short two years of the time for which he was elected by the legislature making a change in the time of taking the office. One very uncommon feature in the death of Mr. Conner was he was the last to die of two families. He was the last one of his father's family and the last one to die in his own family. His wife preceded him in death last November.

After five years confinement from time to time with brights disease he was relived by death Feb. 4, 1906 at the age of 70 years, 6 months and 16 days.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder J.E. Terry, of Marengo, last Sunday, 10 a.m., after which the remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Zion Cemetery near Santa Claus.

Mr. Conner as known all over Spencer County and was held in highest esteem by his neighbors and many friends over the county. He leaves three grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. A Friend.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 10, 1906.)

Joseph Davis

Joseph Davis, age 77, died at his home in Grandview Tuesday morning, Nov. 7, and was buried at the Hackleman Cemetery Wednesday afternoon, the services being held in the Cross Roads Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lizzie; four sons, Horace and Lawrence of Rockport, Forrest of Evansville, and Oliver of Grandview; a daughter, Dora Hemming of Rockport; three brothers, Emanuel of Decatur, Ill., Lawrence of St. Mary's-of-the-Woods, and William of Rockport; two sisters, Sarah Cox of Pera, Ill., and Mary Weatherholt of Rockport; and 18 grandchildren.

(Taken from the Monitor April 28, 1938.)

Walker in 1879

Emma Johnson, completed her walk in this city last Saturday of 50 miles in 50 consecutive hours is a native of Ohio, is about 28 years old, finely formed and physically every inch a woman. She doesn't boast of a pretty doll face, but has a pleasant countenance and is a pleasant and agreeable talker. Her extreme modesty amounts almost to bashfulness, and yet she possesses quite firmness enough to successfully battle and overcome the ordinary obstacles of life. She performed her task with seeming ease, making her last mile in 10 minutes and nine seconds. As a walkist her powers of endurance and determination to succeed will insure her success.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 13, 1879.)

Estray notice

Taken up by James Kennedy, of Clay Township, Spencer County, Indiana, one sorrel horse 14 1/2 hands high, 8 or 9 years old, with blaze in face; one hind foot white and shoes on front feet. Appraised by James Ford and Charles S. Lamar at $40. Charles Surman, J.P.

Attest: James Romine, Clerk

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 8, 1880.)

Rockport Democrat Feb 11, 1955

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By Eloise Ferguson

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Rev. E. O. Haley - -	1903-04
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Rev. Fox - - - - -	1906-07
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Rev. Conway - - -	1909-10
Rev. H. O. Simmons -	1910-12
Rev. C. A. Shake - -	1912-14
Rev. McNaughton - -	1914-16
Rev. John McCord - -	1916-18
Rev. E. E. Young - -	1918-20
Rev. Bundy - - -	1920-21
Rev. Millard Brittingham	1921-24
Rev. S. S. Strowd - -	1925-30
Rev. Bobbie Walker -	1930-32
Rev. Paul Lewis - -	1932-36
Rev. W. R. Letham -	1936-38
Rev. Gurly Sutton - -	1938-42
Rev. August Stork - -	1943-45
Rev. M. P. Wisley - -	1946-47
Rev. Harry Oldarae -	1947-48
Rev. S. Morgan - - -	1948-49
Rev. R. S. Skelton - -	1949-50
Rev. R. S. Buchanan	(Feb.) 1951-51 (Aug.)
Rev. Ronald Hamilton	(Sept.) 1951-54 (Dec.)

Clara Evans of Hatfield is the only surviving Charter Member.

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Apples are abundant in 1853

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Apples

Mrs. J.W. Graham sent us a present this morning, of half a dozen Summer Queens, the finest apples we have seen this season. This season has been favorable for fruit, and all kinds of abundant, and as much pain has been taken to procure and rear the choice varieties. We have in our county some of the most select.

We have a few "amateurs, or rather we should say "Professors," in the fruit culture; amongst whom Mr. Matthias Sharp and Gen. S.D. Williamson, hold each a distinguished place, but in the matter of large and fine apples they may hide their diminished heads, they have not dreamed of such apples this summer. On weighing the apples they just average eight ounces each.

(Taken from the Planter, July 30, 1853.)

Death in 1889

Mrs. Moore, the mother of Mrs. Heitman of this place, died at her home in Spencer County, near Rockport.

Note: Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Eliza A. Moore, Aug. 2, 1824, Nov. 12, 1889, wife of John; John Moore, Jan. 8, 1810, Oct.15, 1866.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Nov. 16, 1889.)

Called home too soon

When the hour hand on the clock was pointing toward the eighth hour Saturday morning April 1, 1911, from the distance with listening ears we heard the tolling of the Vension church bell which announced to us of the sad death of Mrs. Virgie Bender.

Although the sun was so bright, the birds were singing and the flowers looked so beautiful our hearts were drooped in sadness--not sad because the dear one was not prepared for death, but sad when we recall her sufferings and to know that the link of love which has fallen from the chain can never be replaced--Virgie Hesson.

Bender was born Sept. 22, 1880, and departed this life April 1, 1911, being 30 years, 6 months and 9 days old. She was married to Lawrence Bender Aug. 27, 1899. To this union two children were born. In Dec. 1907 she united with the Christian Church and was baptized by the Rev. J.I. O'Neal, or Oblong, Ill.

Virgis, as she was always called, who had been in delicate health for sometime, left Nov. 15, 1910, to go to San Angelo, Texas, in search of better health seemed to be in vain and she returned to her home near Tennyson, Ind., March 18, 1911, only to find her condition worse. She bore her sufferings patiently and five days before her death she was unconscious. Thus she died, she, the God, she can dwell now with her mother, who preceded her in death in the year 1898.

She leaves to mourn her untimely loss, two children, one sister, Miss Oma Hesson; a father, W.V. Hesson; a stepmother, Mrs. Rose Hesson; a grief-stricken husband and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Vension church by the Rev. Royal, of Hawesville, Ky., and the Rev. Lannan, after which the remains were interred in the Bender Cemetery. The Ben Hur Lodge, of Tennyson, officiated with Miss Hattie St. Clair as organist.--This obituary shortened and on file in its entirety at the library.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, April 6, 1911.)

Three new residences

The erection of three elegant residences in Rockport last Monday morning, one each for John G. Rimstidt, J.S. Winn and Catherine Pattberg. Mr. Rimstidt's is to be a nine room building on the Schoenfeld lot Main Street, west of Fifth Street, Mr. Winn's a seven room cottage on Elm Street, between Third and Fourth, and Mrs. Pattberg is building on the lot purchased of H.C. Trenary on Seminary Street. Another prosperity item.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, June 16, 1899.)

Query

Interested in family of Young Lamar, who sold his land in Spencer County 1833. Contact Ken and Mignon Lamar, Suite 237, 483 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, Mo. 63122.

Richland General Baptist Church

On April 28, 1854, Henry McKenney and Mary McKenney, husband and wife, deeded to church trustees, William Carter, John S. McKenney and Town of Richland to build a General Baptist Church. This church was located near the north edge of the town. Church was held there many years, then the church ceased to be used as a church. For several years the congregation was without a church. Then in the latter part of 1948 and the first part of 1949, the present church was built. Prior to this, the congregation held services in a building that had formerly been used as a grocery store owned by Mr. Ed Carter. After this building was vacated, Mr. Brink (now deceased) and Rev. Woody Johnson started building the church. It took the prayers and efforts and offerings that made it possible to continue. Out of the many, we are very thankful for, are Bert McCoy, Hubert Carter, Dick Dunville, Alie Holder, Eldon Frank, Frank Partridge, Elmer Crumes, Mr. Lynn and many others for the contributions.

Rev. Oscar Anderson was sent to the church and has been a wonderful leader and builder. The Church is going by leaps and bounds. Has been rebuilt and now has an enrollment of 66 and is growing in attendance every Sunday.

Richland Christian Church

About 75 years ago Elders Robert Merit, John (Uncle Jack) Richard, and Bobby Mitchel came from a church in Ohio and built a Friendship Christian Church three miles east of Richland, Indiana, on a corner of the Bozarth farm. They took turns preaching. Elders Merias, Godby and Jordan were the last ministers to serve the church. In 1901 Elder Jordan, just mentioned, held a revival and many members were added to the church. Several members lived in Richland, so it was decided to build a church where the present church stands in Richland. It was dedicated in 1902 and has been active to the present time.

Ebenezer Church of the Evangelical United Brethren in Christ

The Ebenezer Class of the United Brethren Church in Christ was organized in 1854 by Rev. Jacob Scamahorn in the old log schoolhouse known as the Gardner School House which was less than a mile from the present site of the church in a southwesterly direction. A partial list of members at the time of the organization is as follows: Enos McKenney and wife, Nancy McKenney, Felix McKenney and wife, Morening McKenney, Henry Jackson and wife, Elizabeth Jackson, Albert Jackson, Clark McCoy, and John McCoy.

On December 12, 1855, Enos McKenney and his wife, Nancy McKenney deeded to the trustees and to their successors in office, in trust as the property of the United Brethren in Christ, a certain tract of land, the same being 22 rods long and 14 rods wide. This deed was signed and acknowledged before Moses Clark, who was the Justice of the Peace. The deed was recorded in 1859 by S. W. Furfield. The Auditor at the time was R. S. Crosley.

A new church was soon begun on the site of the tract deeded by Enos McKenney and wife. The lumber for the church is thought to have been sawed by Joseph and John Scamahorn from poplar timber from the farm of Columbus McCoy. Simon Miller, Enos McKenney and Hall Meeks worked as carpenters in the new church. The church was dedicated in 1859 by Bishop Edwards. Rev. Jacob Scamahorn was pastor and Rev. Lyman Chittenden was the Presiding Elder. Among the early pastors were John Breden, J. M. Fowler, I. J. Haskins and Rev. Green. Rev. Breden and Rev. Fowler were both soldiers in the Civil War, but each served as pastor of this circuit before going to war. Rev Green was also a soldier. Other early pastors were Rev. James Granger, who was also a soldier, Joe Stubblefield, Riley Funkhouser and Daniel Best.

We give a partial list of names found in an old class book bearing the date 1868 and revised by the pastor John Breden and Felix McKenney, class leader: Thomas Lang, Tabitha Lang, J. W. Moffatt, Lucinda Moffatt, Sarah Ann' Linegar, Mary Jane Lang, Mary Horn, Anthony Miller, Elizabeth Davis, Lucinda Shoptaugh, A. G. Jackson, Missouri Jackson, Indiana Jackson, Catherine Hall, John White, Elizabeth White, Sarah McKenney, A. B. Vaughn, Minerva Vaughn, Mary Pattie, Amanda Johnson, J. T. McKenney, Elizabeth McKenney, Mary V. McKenney, Mary J. Davis, Eliza McCoy, Josephine McKenney, Mary Lang, Belle Lang, Emma Hatfield, Minerva Haines, Mary Chandler, Genette Chandler.

Revised by James Granger in 1870, we give another partial list: Martha Smith, Arvilla Edwards, Robert Lang, Mary Hardin, L. W. Green, James Granger, John W. Granger, Melinda Bratcher, Juda A. Green, Mary Bennett, Francis Green, Eli Jennings, Mary Ann Granger, John Jackson.

In a later revision were the following: Daniel Ehret, Mary Briscoe, Ellis Wilson, Robert Moffatt, Mary E. Ehret, Mary Johnson, J. V. Rodermacher, Henry L. McCoy.

Daniel Best was pastor of the last revision. Other pastors were Rev. Eldridge Workman, J. M. Inman, L. L. Schoonover, A. W. Arford, Boyd, John Breden, S. Hobson, Albert Richardson and John Richardson. J. T. Hobson served as presiding elder, also Condo., Schoonover, J. M. Fowler and John Breden.

Later books give names of the following members: A. J. Glenn, Lem Myers, Victoria Moffatt, Fannie McCoy, Wm. H. Eisler, Jacob Scamahorn, Mary Tasch, Lizzie Glenn, Lizzie Lang, Ida Moffatt, Pina Hatfield, Louise Eisler, Suda Scamahorn, Emma Duff.

As time went on there came to be great need of a new church building. On March 30, 1896, Jerome Harmon and his wife, Belle Harmon, deeded to Thomas Lang, Uriah McCoy, Daniel Ehret, Andy Bauman and Jacob Scamahorn, Trustees of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, a tract of land, one-half acre in extent where the present church now stands. The remuneration was $25.00. This deed was acknowledged by J. B. McCoy, J. P., and recorded by R. W. May. In February, 1896, the U. B. Class at Ebenezer elected a building company comprised of R. T Lang, Pres., J. W. McCoy, Secy., and Uriah McCoy, Treasurer. This company appointed solicitors, who in a few days turned in very favorable reports. Preparations for building were then begun. A great deal of labor was donated The building contracted on March 28, 1896, with Dan Beeler to superintend construction, overseeing all donation carpenter work and his remuneration was to be $1.40 per day with board when at work. The seats as well as other building material was furnished by J. W. McCoy The seats were of hard oak and were built by Bob Wilkinson, who made and gave the pulpit as his special donation The pulpit chairs were donated by John McKenney of Boonville now deceased, son of Dr. Jim McKenney. Mr. Hall Meeks and wife of Evansville, who were pioneer members, gave the communion service. The present church was dedicated by Bishop Castle. Some of the later pastors were C. C. Breden, Mills Walls, Rosenbarger, D. P. McCoy, Hile, Todd. An extension to the south side of the cemetery was obtained by purchase of land from Mr. and Mrs. Rocker Ricker whose son Otis Ricker was Secretary to the Quarterly Conference for a number of years and also Secretary to the Annual Conference for more than one year.

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Kirkland wants a train from Santa

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Donnie wishes

Donnie Kirkland being interviewed by a department store Santa Claus kept insisting he wanted an electric train.

"But Don, you already have one," said his mother.

"No mommy, that's daddy's, I want my own."

(School newspaper)

(Taken from Midway Post, Dec. 4, 1953.)

Child frightened to death by horse

Hilda, the little 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gasser of Mariah Hill, was frightened to death Wednesday evening by a horse. She died suddenly. The little girl had accompanied her brother to water the horses.

After drinking, one of the horses started toward the girl. She ran for a fence and when discovering the horse was near fell in fright from which she never recovered. The little girl was not hurt by the horse, and the sad death, came from fright alone no doubt. The little girl was a niece of Mrs. A. Bettag of Dale.

(Taken from the Dale Weekly Reporter, Feb. 7, 1990.)

A pioneer gone

Mr. Reuben Grigsby, of Hammond Township, died at his residence, Jan. 24, 1878, in the 71st year of his age. Mr. Grigsby was one of the pioneers of Spencer County, having come to the state about the year 1815, when Indiana was a territory. He assisted in breaking the dense wilderness of the now beautiful county of Spencer and has witnessed its rapid growth from infancy. He was an associate and school mate of the late President Lincoln.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Feb. 9, 1878.)

Soldiers update

Lloyd Bays of Hammond Township, William F. Andersen of Ohio Township, Junious Sanders of Carter Township, Howard "Bacon" Wilkinson of Luce Township; Richard Rupp of Carter Township, and Leo J. Gogel of Carter Township.

Query

Kenneth Hancock of 3630 Timberlane Drive, Easton, Pa 18042, is interested in any descendants of Robert and Mary Tinley Hancock and also Milton and Elizabeth Powell Cotton and he will trade information. He is especially interested in Cassie Hancock, d/o Levias buried at New Hope Cemetery. She was born 1884 and died 1908.

Little Pigeon Missionary Baptist Church on Bradley Station Road will be celebrating 150 years this summer. Efforts are being made to compile a history of the church and also to produce old photographs of past members and the church. Please contact Sharon Patmore at Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind. 47611, phone 362-7268.

The Spencer County Historical Society met Jan. 7 at the Rockport Trinity United Methodist Church basement at 2 p.m. There was no business meeting.

President Steve Staley introduced Mike Rutherford, a historian from Perry County. He presented slides of the cotton mill in Cannelton, dated 1849 to 1954. Under one ownership, it was called Indiana Cotton Mill. Stone from behind the mill was used in building it. He showed many pictures of machinery used in the mill, including the cotton gin. In 1851 the first cloth was made on the looms.

Rutherford also showed slides of a tour through Perry County, showing Rock Island near Tell City, Lafayette Springs, the airplane crash, caves, caverns, Rome (earlier was named Franklin), Derby, Dexter, Rono (later named Magnet), Mt. Pleasant, Bristow, Huffman Mill Bridge and many other interesting places and Civil War captains.

The "Historian of the Year" committee met, and the following persons have been selected to be honored at a banquet March 31 at 6:30 p.m. (CST): Glen and Mary Douglas, living category and the commemorative award to Professor Albert Kennedy. This will be held at the Grandview Civic Association building.

There will be no meeting in February. The next meeting of the Spencer County Historical Society will be March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spencer County Youth and Community Center near Chrisney.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Buggy slips into ditch and overturns

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Eureka item

Last Sunday afternoon while out driving Lester Polk and Miss Blanche Myler met with an accident which might have been more serious than it was. Just east of John Richardson's house as they were driving down a steep hill the buggy slipped into a ditch and overturned, throwing them and Ollie Deeg, a little boy who was with them, out onto the frozen ground.

None of them were seriously hurt, but the horse started to run and was stopped only after he had demolished the buggy.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 5, 1904.)

Attend reunion

Allen Gentry and his father, Uncle Jim Gentry and A.R. Gentry left Tuesday morning for Crab Orchard, Ky., to attend a reunion of the Gentry family in the United States.

Richard Gentry, a hero of the Revolutionary War and from whom most of the family of that name has descended, lies buried at Crab Orchard. The family is one of the most prolific in the United States and it is estimated that two or three thousand descendants will be at the reunion.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 5, 1898.)

Rev. Brant passes on

The Rev. J.E. Brant, a well-known Methodist preacher, who was pastor of Rockport M.E. Church for three years, 1870-73, died very suddenly of heart disease while sitting in his chair, Monday, Feb. 29, 1904, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G.S. Adams, at Bloomington, Indiana.

He was a veteran of the Civil War, participated in several important battles, and spent six months in Libby Prison. He retired from the active ministry several years ago.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 11, 1904.)

Tied the knot

Mr. Leo M. Kessner, a prominent young farmer of Gentryville, and Miss Jennie Shrode, of this city, were united in marriage by Squire J.L. Stewart in the county clerk's office at 8:30 o'clock Monday morning. They will make their home near Stewartsville, in Posey County.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 26, 1904.)

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Please update your cemetery book

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Update your cemetery book

Records of all deaths in Spencer County newspapers have been kept since 1987. Corrections and deaths have been typed with page numbers of the cemetery books for your convenience. Deaths without previous mention in the books are also included in separate sheets for your use. If you would like to receive a copy, please send $4 to cover copy costs for 20 pages and mailing to the address above.

Another old soldier

Francis M. Hancock, son of Robert and Mary Hancock, deceased was born in Maryland, Feb. 10, 1837, departed this life Sunday, Oct. 15, 1911, making him at his death 74 years, 8 months and 5 days of age. At six months old he moved with his parents to Indiana. He was united in marriage to Evaline Fitspatrick, Jan. 16, 1859. To this union seven children were born. The eldest, Mary, preceded him to the better world about 24 years ago.

He was converted and united with the Baptist Church 45 years ago, having lived a constant member ever since. He was always ready and willing to lend a helping hand to all who needed him. He was a kind neighbor, a loving husband and father. And when his country called he left home, friends and family to join with others in fighting for his country. He served three years and at the close of the war he came home with an honorable discharge.

He leaves to mourn him, his widow and six children. They are Mrs. Mattie Tichenor of Jeffersonville, Mrs. Jennie Whitehouse of Rockport, Mrs. Cora Bartley of Peru, Mrs. Luella Whitehouse of Louisville, Ky., Mrs. Velva Lloyd and Mrs. Flossie Barker of Chrisney and three sisters, Mrs. Geneva Selby and Mrs. Maria John, of Newtonville and Mrs. Maggie John of Missouri, and a host of relatives and friends.

He has been an invalid for the past two years and in all his suffering he was never heard to complain but bore his affliction with Christian patience. He was ready and willing to go when his summons came and told his family that he was going home. The burial was at the New Hope Cemetery at Newtonville Tuesday afternoon after a very impressive funeral sermon at the church by the Rev. Z.T. Walker.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun clipping.)

Marriage Licenses

J.E. Tucker to Maud Dye, Judge Jackson to Luella Grimes, Edward Schaaf to Ida A. Fahr, Cliff Kellems to Sarah Schumacher, George A. Lynam to Lizzie M. Sutton, Emil Widmer to Sophie Detert, John W. Crooks to Margaret Bennett, James Bales to Falina Ruby, J.G. Green to Lena Pool, Laurence J. Rice to Etta S. Medcalf.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 21, 1904.)

Home again after 16 years

A.W. Beeler, son of Jonathan Beeler, came in from Denver, Colo., Wednesday and surprised his home folks, his first visit back since he left 16 years ago. Wednesday morning someone called up his brother, Joe, on the farm and told him that a man in town had a match for his black horse and could give a good price for him if he would bring him to town right away. When Joe came in the "stranger" was introduced to him as a Mr. Brennan from Louisville, but the ruse didn't work as Joe recognized him almost at once. Art is a civil engineer and doing well in this profession which he learned after leaving here.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 5, 1906.)

Mrs. L.F. Gage has purchased a car load of white faced Hereford cattle for winter feeding on her farm this winter.

(Taken from The Monitor, Oct. 25, 1917.)

Married

At the Catholic Church at Centerville last Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Filmore Meeks and Miss Amelia Strassel. Father Book conducted the ceremonies. The groom and bride's honorable standing in life insure prosperity which leads to happiness. May their honeymoon last forever.

(Chrisney Sun, Nov. 12, 1885.)

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Man attempts to kill his uncle

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A serious charge

Detective Hugh Hales passed through the city last evening, having in charge Frank Hesson, a young man charged with attempting to kill his uncle near Gentryville, Spencer County. The assault was committed more than a month ago, Hesson slipping up behind his uncle and dealing him four blows in the back of his head with a heavy pair of knucks it is charged. '

Detective Hale, who lives at Rockport, was notified to be on the lookout for young Hesson immediately after the assault was made. He received a tip a few days ago that Hesson was working for a brother near Poseyville and yesterday he went to that town in search of him.

As he knew Hesson would recognize him if he tried to arrest him while he was plowing corn for his brother, the detective posted himself in front of a saloon in town and waited until the young man put in his appearance. When he was opposite him the officer stepped out and placed him under arrest.

After Hesson was handcuffed Detective Hale searched him and found on him the knucks with which he tried to kill his uncle. The weapon is an ugly looking homemade affair and weighs something over a pound. (Hesson was brought to Rockport Tuesday and placed under a bond of $500 to answer a charge of assault and battery with intent. He claims that his uncle had been "running over" him.)

Evansville Courier

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 16, 1905.)

Pioneer citizen passes away

Capt. John R. Dougherty, one of Rockport's oldest citizens, died at his home on the bluff this morning at three o'clock from senile decay. Funeral services under the auspices of Spencer Lodge No. 140, IOOF, will be held at the residence tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Members of the lodge are requested to meet at the hall a half hour earlier.

The deceased was born on the banks of the Ohio River seven miles below Rockport, Step. 26, 1824. At the age of 16 he began flatboating between here and New Orleans, which business he continued until 1949. Since he has owned and managed a wharf boat at the lower landing and was the oldest river man on the Ohio since the death of Capt. Reamer at New Albany a few years ago.

He always had a strong constitution and up to eight or nine months ago, was in good health. Of late he has been growing gradually weaker until death came. Capt. Dougherty was a lifelong Republican, he having voted for every Republican nominee for president from Fremont on down.

He was a charter member of the Rockport lodge of Odd Fellows that was established in 1854. The captain was a familiar figure on the streets and will be missed not only here but by steamboatmen all up and down the river.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 2, 1904.)

Santa Claus shavings

On Sept. 30 the remains of Mr. Fred Schiebaum, were brought from Beardstown, Ill., and entered in the cemetery near the M.E. Church.

Died, Oct. 2, Henry, son of G. Tischendorf, aged 19 years, 7 months and 2 days.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Oct. 8, 1886.)

Struck by lightning

At an early hour Monday morning the steeple of the Catholic church in this city was struck by lightning and caused about $500 damage to the building. This ediface has been very unfortunate in this respect. A few years ago it was partly unroofed and otherwise damaged by a storm.

Afterwards it suffered about $1,000 damage from fire when the old Hamilton tobacco factory burned across the street from it. It is insured in a mutual insurance company conducted by the Catholic church of this diocese, but whether the policy includes a lightning clause we failed to learn. Each church in the diocese pays 25 cents per $10,000 in the treasury and then nothing is paid until there is a loss to pay.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 5, 1903.)

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Soldier boy in France writes letter

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Letter from a soldier boy in France December 1917

Mrs. W.B. Egnew
Chrisney, Ind

Somewhere in France
Dear mother and home folks,

Well arrived in France and am feeling fine and dandy. Had a fine trip across the sea and didn't get a bit sick. But some of the boys almost died from being sea sick. I guess I am too tough HA HA. The weather is fine and if it doesn't get any colder than this over here I will never kick. For you know I have been in some mighty cold countries and know what it is. Well I hope you people all have a joyful Christmas and think of me. Have you heard from Willie since you wrote me the last time. Well the people over here dress and look some different from home and I can't understand them but will be able to learn some of their language after a while. I haven't much to write for I am not allowed to write everything just so you will know I am living and well so will close with love to all from your son, Blaine. W.B. Egnew Co. F., 6th U.S. Eng's A.E.F. (That A.E.F. stands for American Explosion Forces).

(Taken from a newspaper clipping.)

War veteran dies in Chicago

George Wallace, aged 67 years, died at his home in Chicago on June 18th, and was brought to this city, his old home for interment on June 21st. The remains were accompanied by his son, Edwin, and brother-in-law, F.P. White. Deceased was a member of the Third Indiana Calvary in the Civil War. Although he took active part in 23 of the most important battles with the Army of the Potomac he was never wounded.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 23, 1905.)

Aged farmers dies in Mariah Hill

Anton Gasser, an aged farmer living near Mariah Hill, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock after a prolonged illness of stomach trouble. Mr. Gasser was the father of Mrs. Andrew Bettag of Dale. The funeral service was conducted at the Mariah Hill Catholic Church, of which he was a faithful member, at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The deceased was born in Germany and came with his parents to this country when nine years of age. His parents located at Troy, Indiana and the son remained with them until he was married, when he located near Mariah Hill, where he has since resided. He was 63 years, 5 months and 29 days of age at the time of his death.

He leaves a wife, Mary J. Gasser, and seven children, four boys and three girls as follows: Joseph Gasser of Tell City; Nicholas Gasser of Mariah Hill; Frank Gasser of Kniman, Ala.; Willie Gasser at home; Anna Bettag of Dale; Katy Dorsey of Denver, Colo.; Kunie Zachman of Evansville.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 7, 1907.)

Reunion

On Sunday, Aug. 13, the children and grandchildren of M.D. Glenn and wife met at their beautiful home, one-half mile north of Eureka, the occasion being a reunion of the family in honor of a visit being made by their son, Calvin, and family, who at present reside in Mt. Vernon, Ill., this being their first visit home in seven years.

In the afternoon J.B. Stuart was called and the family gathered in the front yard for a picture at the "old home." There were present 44 in all, all the family except one who resides in Dakota. It was a great occasion, a day which will long be remembered by all, and the dinner was a feast never to be forgotten.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 25, 1905.)

Grandview

Mrs. Margaret Tillman, 87, died late last Saturday evening at her home one and a half miles north of Grandview from the effects of a fall which she suffered two weeks earlier. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Cahncellor. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Fairview Church conducted by the Rev. W.A. Ashby and the Rev. E.M. McCoy. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 20, 1926.)

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Saloon owner is assaulted by three men

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Was assaulted

It has developed since the death of Simon Ebelhar, of Dale, Ind., at the city hospital Monday afternoon that he was assaulted by three men in his saloon in Dale, on Nov. 3, the day before the election and was considerably beaten up.

The direct cause of his death was attributed to typhoid fever, but he was only in bed one week, and his death came very unexpectedly. After his death it was noticed that he had several severe scalp wounds, and also an ugly bruise on his side. Upon investigation, his wife told the story of her husband getting into a political argument with three men in his saloon and a fight resulting. She said he had been in ill health ever since the fight.

(Taken from the Messenger (Owensboro, Ky.) Nov. 18, 1902.)

Query: Grady Ubelhar, 8135 W. Fifth Street Road, Owensboro, Ky., 42301, wants to know if anyone in the area knows where the saloon was located. It is still standing? Any information about Simon Ebelhar (Ubelhor), his great-grandfather is requested.

New suits filed

Thomas L. Hagan vs Alice Hagan, divorce. Plaintiff, who is 81 years old and a resident of Hammond Township, says that the parties were married on May 30, 1896 and lived together until Oct. 9, 1904. Cruel and inhuman treatment is complained of as follows:

That at one time she threw boiling hot coffee at and upon the person of this plaintiff, scalding him severely, and that at one time she drew a gun at him and threatened to shoot him. No children of said marriage. Defendant lives in Evansville.

Bertie Adeline Linley vs William Linley, divorce. Plaintiff who lives in Huff Township states that they were married Dec. 18, 1890, and lived together until Oct. 15, 1904. She claims that defendant beat her with his fists and open hands and clubs. Drunkenness and failure to provide are also charged. Plaintiff asks that her maiden name of Combs be restored and that custody be given her of their four children, Carl, Sam, Sallie and Rosa. Attorney J.W. Burns filed both of the above suits.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 14, 1905.)

William R. Hancock dies

William R. Hancock, age 79, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Haller in Evansville, yesterday afternoon, following a long illness. Besides Mrs. Haller, he is survived by two other daughters, Pearl Gaesser of Newtonville and Lena Hancock of Evansville; two sisters, Elizabeth Lloyd of Richland and Velvia Sharp of Evansville; two grandsons and a granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held in Evansville and continued at the New Hope Baptist Church at Newtonville tomorrow afternoon, with interment in the church cemetery.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Aug. 11, 1938.)

Arrested for beating

Dan Owen, John Owen and William Musgrave, all of this place, were recently arrested and placed under bond for their appearance for trial in the circuit court on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill Simon Uebelhar six month ago, the day before the November election.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 15, 1903.)

Attention!

Notice to all researching Spencer County names:

One-hundred and thirty-eight names were omitted from the index to Naturalization Intention Books 1852-1895. New indexing has been completed and will appear in the Indiana Genealogical Society journal or newsletter soon. Better go back and look a second time for information about that long lost ancestor.

Richland Methodist Church

About the year 1875 or 76 a group of Christians representing United Brethren and Methodist faiths worshipped together in the old Ebenezer church, two miles west of Richland. The Methodists' preacher was a circuit rider, and came on horseback to preach not only to this congregation, but several surrounding churches. One of the first preachers was a young Irishman named Clulow, though it is not certain whether or not he was the first one to be assigned to this congregation.

Since there was no Methodist church in Richland, whenever services were held there; the old General Baptist church was used. It was located South of the E. D. Brown property, before being razed many years ago.

In December 1881, a group of Methodists met in the office of Dr. L. H. McCoy and elected trustees as follows: John Thomas, Uriah McCoy, W. J. Wade, C. C. McCoy, H. W. McCoy, and W. H. Parker.

The pastor was J. D. Godbey. This group of men started a campaign to raise money to erect a building of their own.

It wasn't until May 17, 1886, that the group was financially able to buy their building site from Dr. and Mrs. L. H. McCoy for the sum of ($75) seventy-five dollars. The ground consisted of lots 16 and 17 in what was known as the McKinney and Daley addition. As work on the church progressed, many different methods were used to raise money to finance the building project. One of them was an ice cream supper sponsored by the citizens of the surrounding community. For entertainment, the Eureka marching band walked the distance of seven miles, playing their own music, and lighting their way home with torches on their caps.

Time went by and the building was completed and dedicated as a place of worship. The United Brethren congregation remained at Ebenezer, where they have been a faithful congregation throughout the years.

Not much is known about intervening years. From the records and from the memories of some folk still in Richland, a few facts can be verified. We find that in 1892 J. A. Raaf was pastor, and the trustees were Thomas Swallow, Uriah McCoy, Colfax Ferguson, Dr. L. H. McCoy, Ed Perrin, James Frisor and D. C. McCoy.

About 1909 the charge was composed of Chrisney, Bloomfield, Cross Roads and Richland, with the parsonage at Chrisney and S. J. Cross as pastor. At that time services were held one week end a month, on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. The pastor would drive his horse drawn carriage and stay over night with some member of the congregation, and then drive back on Monday morning.

When Moores Hill College was moved to Evansville, the Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church saw fit to supply Richland with student pastors.

About the year 1924 the women of the church sponsored an addition to the building. Since the ladies' group wa sknown as the "Ladies Aid" the room still goes by the name of the "Aid Room". When built it was used for soup suppers and quilting bees. Today it is used for a church school class and also as the meeting place for the Methodist Youth Fellowship and other social gatherings.

Under the leadership of S. E. Stroud in 1926, a basement was put under the entire building and a heating system installed. A few years later with Gourley Sutton as pastor the interior of the church was redecorated, including the refinishing of the pews and pulpit furniture.

In 1946 the Berean class covered the floor in the sanctuary and also carpeted the chancel area. Beginning in 1952, the church became a full time charge under the leadership of R. S. Buchanan. A parsonage was purchased, and extensive remodeling begun on the church building. The structure was covered with asbestos siding on the outside, the interior of the sanctuary was refinished, new windows were put into the frames, new class rooms built in the basement for the church school, a cross mounted on the steeple and a speaker system installed for the playing of sacred music and chimes, and a Hammond organ was given as a personal gift. At present the remodeling program in continuing with asphalt tile being laid on the basement floor, new folding chairs purchased and other minor improvements. The present pastor is R. L. Christopher.

Many in the congregation and community remember the names of several former pastors; among them were C. A. Shake, M. Brittingham, S. E. Stroud, M. T. Wisely, H. Oldaker, A. D. Stork, O. S. Sutton, A. E. Daes, E. Morris, a Rev. Lewis, a Rev. Skelton, a Rev. Walker, S. E. Morgan, R. S. Buchanan and R. L. Christopher. There were others whose names have been forgotten for the moment. Records are scarce because most of the church rolls were destroyed in the 1937 flood when the parsonage was at Grandview.

This past year the parsonage debt has been reduced by $1200, with the men of the church planting 50 acres of soybeans, and harvesting them, the women of the church holding a bazaar and bake sale, various individuals and classes contributing their donations. The church anticipates further growth and development in the years ahead and is proud of its heritage of service to the community.

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Man stabs himself with butcher knife

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Stabbed himself

Gentryville, Ind., Dec. 5

Temporarily crazed by the illusion that an imp of Satan was in possession of his internal organs, consuming all the food he ate to sustain self, and playing havoc with him in general, James Riley of this place, a man of four score years, grabbed a butcher knife yesterday and before it could be taken from him, had plunged it into his abdomen several times, almost disemboweling himself.

The old man has been acting strangely of late, but nothing was thought about it, the reason being attributed to his age. But seated at the breakfast table yesterday he carried out the threat he has made more than once, here of late, namely, that he would cut the troublesome devil out.

His sole mania has been that a devil was inside of him gnawing at his vitals. His threats against the demon were regarded as the talk of an old man and no one thought that he would carry them out. Twice he plunged the knife up to its hilt into his stomach, the blood spouting into streams from the gaping holes. Medical assistance was summoned at once and the old man was given attention. His chances are of the slightest for recovery, his age and feeble mind being greatly against him.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 12, 1902.)

Note: Died Dec. 20, 1902 and buried at Little Pigeon Primitive Church Cemetery (in the park) without a monument.

Dropped deed

James Smiley, about 40 years old, a farmer in the south part of Ohio Township, died at noon Wednesday very suddenly from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Smiley had come from a field where he was plowing to the barn, and was watering his horse at a trough when he was taken with a sharp pain in his head.

With a cry he dropped to the ground where he was found lying on his side by a farm hand who was attracted by the sound. The stricken man was carried to the house where he lived only 10 or 12 minutes though he was conscious nearly all of that time.

He seemed to realize that he was dying for he asked for Tom Larkin from who had rented ground, saying that he wanted to settle. Coroner H.G. Weiss, who was summoned, returned the above stated verdict.

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(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 28, 1905.)

Joined church

I do not wish to be critical, but I have in my mind just now several persons who joined Pigeon Church during the last protracted meeting there, to keep from paying a fine. Be careful my young friends there is a day coming when you will be brought before a judge to answer for "acts done in the body" and there will be no way of escaping from justice then.

(Taken from The Sun, Dec. 10, 1885.)

Passed three score years

Uncle Michael Spade, of Harrison Township, one of Spencer County's oldest citizens, was in town yesterday. Although Mr. Spade has passed his three score years, he is yet very spry.

Guardianship

Know all men by these presents that we, John Hammond, Thomas H. Brown and Alexander Britton are held and firmly bound unto the State of Indiana in the just and full sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, for the true payment of which we bind ourselves. our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents; sealed with our seals, and dated at Rockport in the county of Spencer, this 12th day of of May 1840.

The condition of the above bond is such; that whereas the above named John Hammond was by the Probate Court of said county at the May term of said court 1840 appointed guardian of Elizabeth Howard and William Howard, infant heirs of Stephen Howard, late of said county, deceased.

Now should the said John Hammond well and truly according to law faithfully perform the trusts of such guardianship then this bond to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force in law and equity.

Taken and acknowledged in open court this 12th day of May, 1840.

(Taken from Guardianship Papers, Courthouse)

Query

Barbara Lucas of 2411 Meadow Lane, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32114, is seeking data on the following three persons: Barney Miller, James Mackey and Winneyfred Humphrey. She will be glad to share and exchange information. The time period is 1780-1889, Virginia, Kentucky and Indiana.

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Gun accident after school

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Gun Accident

Last Thursday evening while Delia Johnson and Clifford Deterick were on their way home from school an accident occurred the latter which might have been even more serious.

It would seem that young Johnson was playing with a pistol, and while thus engaged it was accidentally discharged, the contents taking effect in the right arm of the Deterick boy, who is quite small. Dr. Austin dressed the wound and says it is not of a serious nature, but very painful.

(Taken from The Sun, Dec. 24, 1885.)

Obituary

Died, Mrs. Phebe Enfield Miller, oldest daughter of Daniel P. and Mary Williamson, born March 28, 1836. At the age of 18, she united in marriage to Robert Miller and to this unison four children were born, Alphonzo, Melvilla, Daniel and Saline.

March 28, 1862, death entered the home and claimed the husband and father, leaving the mother with four small children alone in life. At the early age of nine years she joined the Methodist church and ever since has lived a devoted Christian. She departed this life Sept. 22, 1904, aged 68 years, 5 months and 24 days.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 30, 1904.)

Descendants of Revolutionary soldier

Mrs. H.B. Brooner received a letter last week from Mrs. Senator Fairbanks making inquiry as to the welfare of the Misses Pendock, and signifying a desire to send them a token.

Mrs. Fairbanks is president of the Daughters of the American Revolution society and last year had considerable correspondence with Mrs. Brooner relative to the two aged daughters of a Revolutionary War soldier, and through her made a contribution for their comfort.

Mrs. Fairbanks did not know of the death of the women, and stated in her last letter that she would urge the passage of a bill through Congress for their relief. Of course, Mrs. Fairbanks had to be apprised of the death of both the ladies and informed that proffered assistance could not be conveyed.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 1, 1904.)

Sheriff's Sale

The residence of Mrs. Kate Batchelor, situated on the bluff, was sold at Sheriff's Sale, Saturday for $2,425. The house was built in '64 at a cost of $14,000.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 13, 1875.)

Grandview

Mrs. Margaret Tillman, 87, died late last Saturday evening at her home one and a half miles north of Grandview from the effects of a fall which she suffered two weeks earlier. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elmer Chancellor. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Fairview Church, conducted by the Rev. W.A. Ashby and the Rev.E.M. McCoy. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 20, 1926.)

Died

On Monday night, Dec. 10, 1877, Jacob Young, an old and respected citizen who has resided near Rockport over 60 years. He leaves a family and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn his untimely loss.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Dec. 15, 1877.)

Note: Buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Young, Jacob, died Dec. 11, 1877, 76 years.

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Grigsby family society to meet

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Notice

The National Grigsby Family Society will hold its fouth triennial reunion at Springfield, Ill., on July 12-15, 1990. The site will be the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 701 E. Adams Street. For information, call or write Margaret Mottley, Administrator, 10138 Valley Forge, Houston, Texas 77042, phone (713) 789-5766, or Hoy C. Grigsby, 906 Pecan Street, Crossett, Ark. 71635. There are many Grigsby descendants in Spencer County, so please get the word to them.

Grandview Monitor

Sarah E. Finch, wife of Captain Charles S. Finch, died at her residence near town on last Saturday evening, aged 50 years, 11 months and 17 days. Finch was loved and respected by all who knew her. Her funeral was preached at the Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing relatives and friends. The pastor, the Rev. Albert Hurlstone, officiating.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Sept. 27, 1884.)

Note: Buried at Hitchcock Cemetery.

May 12, 1840

This day John A. Stuteville, adm. of Randal Smitty presented do have in court a receipt from Burchel J. Barney, editor and printer of a newspaper called the *Pacificator* published in Rockport for $3.50 for printing done for the estate, which is allowed and the said voucher ordered to be filed.

(Taken from Probate Order Book A, Page 276.)

Died

Mary J. Merithew, at her home in Rockport, June 9, 1880, at 3 1/4 o'clock of congestion of the stomach, age 53 years.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 10, 1880.)

1880 Census

Hammond Twp. Household #49-49, Bitts, George W., 36, farmer, PA, PA, PA; Maria C., 27, wife, IN, IN, IN; John P., 10, son, IN, PA, IN; David O., 8 son, , IN, PA, IN; Sarah M., 6, daughter, IN, PA, IN; Mary E., 4, daughter, IN, PA, IN.

Please fill out your Census 1990 and return it promptly.

Regina C. Maas

Regina C. Maas, nee Krueger, was born in Baden, Germany, July 6, 1839 and departed this life Oct. 27, 1927, at the age of 88 years, 3 months and 21 days. She came to Spencer County in September 1848. On Oct. 23, 1864 she was united in marriage to Charles F. Maas.

To this union seven children were born. Her husband departed this life March 25, 1916. At the age of 13 years she was converted and united with the Evangelical Church of which she remained a faithful and consistent member throughout her life. She leaves to mourn their loss her seven children, 21 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one brother.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 4, 1927.)

Fire

J.C. Finch's large tobacco factory at Grandview took fire Sunday night last, and was entirely consumed. We learn it was fully insured. Grandview The tobacco factory of J. C. Finch, of this place, was discovered to be on fire Sunday night last at about 2:30 o'clock, and was soon one mass of flames.

The building was only partially insured. The factory contained about 3,000 pounds of tobacco. The one story frame building east of the warehouse was also burned.

(To show you why newspapers are not be used as proof when researching your family tree.)

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 26, 1880.)

Eureka Methodist Church

The first record we have of the Methodist Church at Eureka dates back to the 22nd of Dec., 1848, when Louis W. Richardson and Sarah Richardson, his wife conveyed Lots No. 12 and 13 in Town of Eureka for use and benefit of Eureka Methodist Church to C. J. Mason, John O. Gardner and T. P. Littlepage, Trustees for M. E. Church of Spencer County, State of Indiana, for the sum of $60.00. Then on the 7th day of May, 1875, we have a record of Rachel Hicks and Royal S. Hicks transferring to the Trustees of the Methodist Church, John W. Myler, Fernando D. Vaughn, Charles Bennett, Mathew Glenn and William Boyd one acre to be used for a church at Eureka.

55 years ago, we found that Rev. John W. Nash was Pastor, and Dr. W. T. Logsdon Superintendent of Sunday School, with Cora Glenn Organist, Mrs. Julia Lawburgh, Primary Sunday School Teacher, which class she taught for 35 years or more. Uncle Mathew Glenn was the most generous and faithful member of the church. Also he was one of the charter members as was Uncle Billy Boyd and Dr. Myler. Other members and attenders of the church were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lawburgh and family James, Robert and Hudson; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Therber and family, Argos, Rilla and Bertha; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Parker and sons, Howard, Truman, etc.; Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Logsdon, daughter and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Clint Butler and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sibert and daughters, Edna and Eleanor; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward and daughters, Etta, Millie, Ollie, etc.; Mr and Mrs. Sam Brown and family, Alice, Ann, Will; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Towers and daughters Alva and Judith and three sons; Mr. and Mrs. Alva Glenn and daughters, Cora, Clyde, Enfanta; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Crow and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Radermacher and family; Mr. and Mrs. John Stowers and family, sons and daughter Louise. They had for a musical instrument a parlor organ with all the trimmings of that day. Mrs. Susie Shook was always a willing helper when the regular organist was absent, though not a member of the church. Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Lamar, Mr. and Mrs. W. Oskins, Mrs. Elizabeth Myler and daughters, Addie, Kate and Blanche were also active members.

Bakers Creek Baptist Church

Bakers Church of United Baptists was constituted in the year 1818, mainly of members holding a joint letter from Ohio church for that purpose. The Presbytery constituting the church consisted of Elders Thomas Downs, Benjamin Talbot and John Weldon. David Luce was the first Deacon and Abner Luce the first Clerk. The church affiliated with an association in Kentucky in the Fall of 1818. The first record was found in the minutes of the June Meeting of 1818.

Brother James Nanney, a licenciate at the time, was called to the pastoral care of the church in February 1820. He was ordained June 22, 1822. They called for a letter of dismissal from the Kentucky association in 1822. It was granted, then the church next year (1823) became a member of Little Pigeon Association. During the first years, the church meetings were held from house to house. The first meeting in the meetinghouse was in April 1822. The house wasn't finished and could be used only in warm weather. Indirect evidence shows the house was never finished for on January 22, 1825, the church agreed to build a new house 50x36 in size on the site of the present Bakers Creek graveyard. The aggregate membership up to October, 1826, was fifty.

On October 25, Elder Isaac Veatch was called as Pastor. He stayed until the close of the year 1830. For five years the church had no pastor; but the church has continued on down through the years.

The church had quite a number of pastors. Some of them are as follows:

Rev. A. B. Smith, Pastor in 1870.

Rev. H. T. Lampton, Pastor in 1872.

Rev. R. N. McNemee, Pastor in 1885.

Rev. T. J. Casebier, Pastor in 1891.

Rev. O. T. Fritts, Pastor in 1894.

Rev. J. M. Daniel, Pastor in 1915 to 1919.

On May 4, 1918, the church burned and meetings were then held in a vacant store building and in the M. E. Church. The church had union meetings for a year and a few months. In September, 1918, the association met with Bakers Creek Church and celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Baptist Church.

In October, 1921, Rev. H. S. Marril, under the direction of the State Board came as Pastor and the present building was started; and on April 19, 1922, the first meeting was held in the new building. On the 23rd of April the church was dedicated. Rev. W. C. Polson was the first Pastor in the new church. He was here for about two years. The church was on a circuit with Rockport, so they had a pastor only part time. The church has full time services now and has had for several years. Rev. Archie Redman of Evansville is the present pastor.

HISTORY OF "THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD CHURCH" OR SODOM CHURCH

By J. W. Therber

This is the true history of the church, generally known as Sodom, or Number Nine.

In the summer of 1886, the Reverend Milton Sanders and the Reverend Ephriam Miller volunteered and held a revival meeting in Number Nine school house. In this meeting, many were coverted; George W. Therber was reclaimed and began preaching the Gospel. Mrs. Therber was attending the meeting, crossing the chute from French Island, then walking two miles through woods and by-roads to do so. She had invited the ministers to her home, and it was during their visit that Mr. Therber was reclaimed. He had refused God's call to him to preach, and thereby had gone back into the world. Mrs. Therber had remained a true Christian. All of their children were also converted as a result of this meeting. These people who were converted in this meeting and many others of the community, got together and decided to build a church: It was to be a log church. Mr. Ben Neal donated an acre of ground on which to build the church. Mr. James O'Conner, a good Catholic in the community, donated the timber. The work was all done by hand, the people cutting the timber, huing the logs and making the clapboards. Mr. James Hatfield, the man for whom the Town of Hatfield was named, and who owned a sawmill, donated all the lumber necessary to complete the building, including the one door, the window frames, the pulpit and the floors. These were all made of the lumber just as it came from the saw. The seats were donated by another church which was installing new seats. After the building was completed, they organized the church and named it "The Light of the World." These people worshipped God in Spirit and Truth. Dr. Logsdon, a member of the Eureka Methodist Church, and others said that when they needed their spiritual strength renewed, they went to "the log church." Matt Neal, although he was still a sinner when he moved from this community to Reel Foot, Tennessee, was later converted and wrote back here that it was the prayers of this church that were the means of his being converted.

The church thrived for a number of years and many souls were saved. However, as the church was located in an overflow district, eventually people began to seek residence in other places, and the church was neglected and finally deserted.

No other church of this name was ever organized; so when this church died, it was the end of the organization. Yet, its influence lives on. The only persons now living who were members are Mrs. Mollie Sanders, widow of the late Rev. Milton Sanders and J. W. Therber.

BAPTIST CHURCH AT ENTERPRISE

In 1913 a Baptist Minister, Rev. Rickert from Owensboro, came to Enterprise and held a revival in the schoolhouse. There were about 50 conversions, so the people of this little community realized the need of a church. So all the people got together and donated their work and built a church. Things went fine for a while, then the church was abandoned for a few years and was used to store tobacco. Then, the women met together and cleaned the church—bought new seats from a church in Rockport—and bought a piano and organized a Sunday School. And ministers all around came and held revivals, and the church really was blessed. Then came the 1937 flood and destroyed the church so it could never be re-built. We salvaged the seats and sold them, gave the money to other churches as a gift. What was left of the church was sold and moved away.

WESLEY METHODIST CHAPEL

The Wesley Methodist Chapel was a frame church near the Henry Crowder farm. The membership of this church affiliated with the Hatfield Methodist Church.

GERMAN METHODIST AT RICHLAND

The German Methodist Church, near Richland, held their services in the old Graff School House which still stands on the farm now owned by Nellie Oldham Yeager. This membership affiliated with the Methodist Church at Richland.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Mariah Hill boy dies

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Two-year-old dies

Mariah Hill

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gasser died last Thursday and was buried here last Friday afternoon. The child had measles and inflammation of the bowels.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, July 21, 1911.)

Lamar item

John Gasser, who lived four miles south of here, died Sunday from Uraenia. Deceased was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Nov. 3, 1934. Three children survive him.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 30, 1904.)

Grandview gleanings

Charles Turner of this place is building a neat cottage on his Corn Island farm. George Bellville has the contract. George is a good workman.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Oct. 2, 1875.)

St. Bernard's Academy

The Benedict Sisters of this place will open their school next week. the school room will be the old St. Bernard's church, which has received a new handsome and complete outfit for this purpose. In this school all the different branches of science, commonly taught. The forenoons will be devoted to English and the afternoon to German. Those, however, who do not wish to learn German will receive the proper attention. On certain days in the week girls are requested to devote some time to needle work. Parents sending one child to this school pay 75 cents monthly; those sending more than one pay 50 cents each. Music lessons will be given on a first-class instrument at the Sisters' House at $8 per term. All payments are to be made to Mother Benedieta. The same books that are in use in our public schools will also be used in this one. For particulars, applications may be made to Mother Benedieta, or to John William Book, pastor of St. Bernard's.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Oct. 27, 1877).

Chrisney Sun

Fannie E. Richards, widow of Joseph M. Richards, was born Dec. 23, 1830, departed this life Aug. 27, 1909, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Orpha Wenner. She was the only daughter of Joseph and Eliza Owen, respected citizens of Clermont County, Ohio. She was united in marriage with Joseph M. Richards, February 11, 1862. To this union six children were born, four of whom are still living, Joseph W.; Mrs. J.B. Smith of Thief River Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Orpha Wenner and John Richard. The husband and two daughters having preceded her to the better land. Deceased was at the time of her death 67 years, 8 months and 4 days. (This is an error). She was converted and joined with the Methodist church at the age of 14, living a consistent Christian until death. She bore her suffering with patience, often expressing her willingness to go and only was awaiting the summons to call her home. Besides rearing her own children, she took her husband's sister's three children, Perry, Manford Alexander and Mrs. Dora Kennedy and gave her parental care to them until they were grown.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 10, 1909.)

Will states tombstone data

Samuel Williams states in his 1859 will, Spencer County, Ind., that he wants his tombstone in Cincinnati, Ohio, to read as follows: Born 16, Oct. 1786 Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Died XXX Aged XX years.

(Will book 1853-1880 Clerk's Office)

Revolutionary pensioner

On motion of James Blair one of the heirs of Thomas Blair, deceased late, a Revolutionary Pensioner of the United States it is ordered that it be certified to all whom it may concern that James Blair has proven in open court by the oath of William Woods that Thomas Blair died on the 1st day of January 1833 and that he left no widow and that the said James Blair and Sarah Blair are of lawful age and that they are the lawful children of Thomas Blair, deceased.

(Taken from Probate Order Book A, 1833-1842.)

Queries

Richard Johnson of 9117 Valley Ave E., Puyallop, WA, 98371, wants information about Abraham Chambers. He is especially interested in store owned in Lynnville, IN. Is it still standing? Are there photos available?

Jack Maidlow of 4103 Sevilla Drive, Georgetown, Texas, 78628, in interested in correpondence with anyone on Rusher-Martin families of Spencer County, Ind.

Laura Perrigan of 327 W. Main Street, Vale, Oregon, 97918, is searching for information on Thomas Morris who died 1929, buried in Richardson Cemetery, Carter Township, Spencer County, Ind.

Steven C. Levi of 8512 4th Ave. Suite 000, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, is looking for information about George Kasey, William Hemmings and their lives in Rockport before 1898. They presumably died aboard a ship in Alaska in 1898 but some doubt about the deaths cause him to seek additional information. Please contact.

A group of individuals from Dale are going to compile a history of Dale, Indiana. Help is needed from all Spencer County people. Dig out old photographs, letters, etc. Please contact Daryl Lovell at 937-2759. If you have knowledge of Dale, don't keep it to yourself. Contact Daryl so he can interview you for future generations.

Kenneth Chenault of 5424 Dee Acres, Philpot, Ky., 42366, is searching the Zink-Leaf families and would like to hear from others researching same.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

April 26, 1990

Probable murder might have happened in Eureka

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Probable murder

Eureka, IN, Jan. 26, 1897

(Special Telegram)

About one year ago a family by the name of Bashm located in this county. They claimed to be from Breckinridge, Ky. Last fall they were oined by a man about 50 years old and a girl who looked to be about 17 years old. These claimed to be the father and sister of Mrs. Bashm. On Dec. 5 the girl gave birth to a male child.

In a few days the man who claimed to be her father disappeared. Two days before Christmas the girl disappeared. She was seen on her way to the river where she is supposed to have taken an up river boat. Bashm moved his family back to Kentucky. It was noticed that they did not have the baby with them and as it had been reported that they had taken the child to raise it caused some suspicion.

Last Saturday evening Press Logsdon found that something had been buried in the rear of the house from which Bashm had moved. He summoned aid and on digging down about a foot they found the remains of a child buried in a shoe box. The body was so badly decomposed that the coroner could not tell the cause of death.

It is believed by all in the neighborhood that the child was killed. It was never seen by any of the neighbors after it was two days old. An investigation is on foot and an effort will be made to bring the guilty parties to justice.

(Taken from Evansville Courier, Jan. 27, 1897.)

County glimmerings

Young Dan Johnson of Luce Township died at the residence of his father last Saturday. Some kind of brain affection caused the death.

There are now 20 young gentlemen at St Meinrad studying for the priesthood. The St. Meinrad School is one of the best in the western country.

From John Thorn we learn that the tobacco trade at Taylor's Station is very action. John is foreman for Clint Finch, at that place, and of course knows whereof he speaks.

It is said that snakes are abundant in the hills near Maxville this season If the distillery up there was in full blast we would discredit the story. As it is however, we must believe.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 28, 1877.)

Soldiers update

Edwin Schwoeppe, Sunset Hill, Ohio Township; James Jochim, Mary Help of Christians, Carter Township, Carl J. Lehr, Grandview, Hammond Township; Elmer Hopkins, Garden of Memory, Jackson Township, David Imlay, St. Martin's, Grass Township, Arthur Roberts, Grandview, Hammond Township, Boyd Rust, New Hope, Hammond Township; James Loper Sr., Sunset Hill, Ohio Township.

James Gresham dies

Was a prominent farmer of Spencer County.

Word was received last evening of the death of James Gresham, a prominent farmer of Spencer County, residing near Rockport. He was a victim of typhoid-pneumonia De ceased was a brother of Mrs J R Wartman and Mrs. Dr. Debr[illegible] of this city.

Death

Adam Buechler, Civil War veteran, aged 85 years, 7 months and 11 days died Friday morning at 10 30 after being bedfast for almost a year. He leaves to mourn his wife Catherine, four sons, three daughters, one brother and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Interment took place Monday morning at 8:30 in the St. Meinrad Cemetery. The Rev. Celestine Sanders, OSB, performing the last sad rites. Our sympathy to the bereaved.

Patronville Church Is Product of Consolidation

Our pilgrim fathers came to America for freedom to worship God and founded our nation upon those principles.

Methodism was founded in 1738 and it took wings and flew across the Atlantic to the wilderness of North America. It came to Indiana in 1820 and in our own county of Spencer was founded its first church and class.

Our county at that time was a dense wilderness with only trails for roads and the crying need of these early families, who lived close to God and nature, was a place to worship and for several years services were held in the cabin homes of our ancestors.

In 1820 Rev. John Wallace organized the first Methodist Episcopal class in the county, with the following members: William Bennett and wife, Margaret, John M. Barnett and wife, Sally M., and their daughter, Narcissa, Rev. James L. Thompson and wife and Aunt Sally Littlepage. These ten persons met at the home of William Bennett and were organized with John M. Barnett as class leader. This class was in the Boonville circuit. It was known as the Bennett class, and continued to meet in the cabins until 1823. The church known as the Bennett church was then built. This church was on the road going south toward Oak Grove near the corner where the old graveyard is presently situated on the Jake McIntire farm. This church was made of hickory logs scuthioned and the roof was of clapboards, weighted poles holding them to the ribs, the building was thirty feet long. The entrance was on the south side and just opposite the door was the window containing four panes of glass. The floor was puncheon.

The Bennett class continued to meet in this church with Rev. Wallace as its first minister. This church prospered and may be considered the parent of all the classes organized in the southern and central portion of Ohio township. This class continued until the early fifties when the Oak Grove, Oak Springs, Barnett, Forest Grove, Enterprise and Wesley Chapel classes were organized.

The Oak Grove class numbered among its members Hamiltons, Burkhearts, Heurings, Bradys and Lusks.

The Hamilton class was composed of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hamilton and family, W. A. Karney and wife, the Franks, Kirkhams, Riddles, Eigleharts, Metçalfs, Mackeys and Daniel Williamson family.

The Wesley Chapel class composed the families of Glenns, Gardners, McCoys and Clarks.

The Enterprise class members were John Graham, A. L. Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Mary J. Davis, Albert Hall, John Robinson, James Allen and others. This class never built a church, but became members of the Eureka and Alexander church.

The Oak Grove, the Hamilton and Wesley Chapel classes built churches at Oak Grove, Hamilton and Eureka.

The Oak Springs class was composed of J. M. Barnett, wife and family; Wm. Burkheart, wife and family; John B. Littlepage; Catherine Adams and family; Christopher Burkheart and family, and John B. Pullen and wife.

The Barnett class whose members were N. N. Barnett and wife, Nancy; F. H. Barnett, wife and family; Thomas Winkler, wife and family; Jeffery Wright, wife and family; John B. Wright and wife; Abel Wright and wife; Z. E. Roberts and wife, Sally; Gideon Meyers and wife; Elizabeth Greathouse, John Burkheart and wife; T. W. Winkler and wife; Samuel Tullis and wife; D. S. Tullis and wife, Malissa; R. L. Tullis; Henson Athens, wife and family; Isaac Wright and wife, Eliza.

The members of the Forest Grove class were; George Marsh, wife and family; C. J. Mason and wife; America Morgan; Matilda Osborn and family; E. M. Nanny and wife; Henry Johnson and wife, Fanny; Louisa Winkler; William Spradlin and family; James Nanney and wife; Alonzo Marsh and wife; and Mary F. Hall.

These three classes — Oak Grove, Barnett and Forest Grove — did not build a church until 1872. They then erected a beautiful brick building, which was named by the trustees Kingsly, but before the building was finished the name was changed to Shiloh, because of the death of a young Civil War soldier, Henry Wright, who fell at the battle of Shiloh in 1862, and had requested that he be buried on this beautiful wooded knoll, which is now Shiloh cemetery.

The Hamilton church was built in the early 1840's by the Hamilton class and was located about one-half mile southeast of what is now Alexander Chapel and was situated on land donated by A. J. Hamilton. This was a large one room log church, which was known far and wide for its hospitality and good fellowship and was attended by other classes. Many camp meetings were held here. This church served the needs of its congregation for many years. Gum Grove school house was built and church services were moved there for several years. New faces moved into the community and a new church building became necessary. The site was chosen and the church lot donated by D. P. Williamson. This land was purchased by his son, Alexander, who was killed hauling logs. The church was named Alexander Chapel in memory of him. The cemetery adjoining the church was donated by Henry Frank. Most of the material and labor that went into this church was donated by the community, and when it was finished was presented to the conference, without any indebtedness. These people had given generously of themselves and the material things of life and had served God by building a sacred place of worship.

We have no record of when we were taken off the Boonville circuit and became the Rockport circuit.

The Methodist class at Rockport was organized about 1822, the earliest members being John E. and Elizabeth Cotton, John B. and Elizabeth Greathouse, Mrs. Barbara Worrell, Miss Eunice Stewart, Miss Margaret Cissna and probably Miss Narcissa Barnett. The first church was completed in 1842. In the year 1856 when Rev. Daniel McIntire was the minister on the circuit, Rockport was taken off the circuit and became a charge of its own, with Rev. McIntire their first pastor.

On January 1, 1857, the members of the Oak Grove class under the pastorate of Rev. T. S. Brooks, decided to build a meeting house on the Hugh Hamilton farm on top of the hill just east of the Oak Grove school house, where church services were being held. The church was to be fully sixty feet long, and is the largest of the three churches. When completed it cost $4,556.50, most of the labor and material being donated by the people of the community. Oak Grove was a spiritual church, where many of the biggest revivals on the charge were held. One outstanding revival was during the pastorate of Rev. Nash, when many adults were

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Man dies from self-inflicted wounds

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Dies from own hand

Services for Charles Gibbons, who died at Rockport a few days ago as a result of self-inflicted wounds, Aug. 24, were held at Chrisney from the United Brethren Church. He was given a military funeral as he was a member of the American Legion.

Surviving are the widow, Hattie, and a son, Ralph, age 3 years. His mother, Mrs. Lowry Gibbons, and a sister, Mrs. Ida Corbitt, also survive. His father, who has been dead for several years, was formerly a Dale resident.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Sept. 17, 1926.)

Death's harvest

Mrs. Mizellar Medcalf

Mrs. Mizellar (Wood) Medcalf was born in Daviess County, Ky., June 24, 1823. Was married to Capt. Cyrus W. Medcalf at Dale, Ind. May 28, 1850, died at this place Wednesday afternoon, March 23, 1910, aged 86 years, 8 months and 29 days.

Funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church this morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Rankin to conduct the services, after which the remains will be laid to rest at the side of a devoted husband who died 10 years ago. The deceased was the mother of a large and gifted family, many of whom now have "silver threads among the gold," as a reminder that they, too are nearing life's sunset. Grandma Medcalf leaves two sons, four daughters, 21 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 25, 1910.)

Note: 1850 Spencer Co. ID Census Page 8

0061 Medcalf Cyrus W., 24M, from Ky 895A, Oct. 10, 1848

Mizella, 26F, Ky., Musgrove.

This is an error. Cyrus first married Ruth Musgrove Oct. 10, 1848. She died Dec. 16, 1849 having been born in Dearborn County, IN, around 1832. Cyrus married Mizellar as stated above in her obituary. To error is human!

Body found

Saturday, Nov. 17th, Mathias Bauer, age 78 years, left the home of his son, George, in Harrison Township, to visit his son, John, who lives in Huff Township. On Thursday his satchel, hat and cane were found, near New Boston. Tuesday evening his body was found on the Hessig farm, on his back, in a ditch.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Dec. 7, 1894.)

The hunter's return

Messrs. Jacob and August Becker, W.H. Allen, of Boonville, and the Davis' of Spencer County, returned home last Saturday morning, from their five weeks hunt in Arkansas and Missouri, bringing 11 deers as the trophies of their sport.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer Jan. 12, 1884.)

Query

Nancy Doyle of 1800 George Ct., Glenview, Ill. 60025 would like to hear from others on the Jacob and Rose Krueger family. Jacob, born 1843 died when" CAL? Rosa born 1847 died in 1903 in Spencer County, IN.

Note

In the Hoosier Ancestors article in the April 26 edition concerning James Gresham who died, the article was taken from *The Evansville Daily Journal* on Jan. 18, 1897.

Concerning the article about Adam Buechler, Civic War veteran, who died, the article was taken from *Dale Weekly Report* on June 4, 1926.

converted. The members of the Oak Grove congregation loved to sing and they were noted for their good music, and were asked to sing all over the county, on special occasions.

The Wesley class built a church at Eureka during the late 1850's and the present building was erected in 1876. They were part of the Rockport circuit off and on for many years.

As time changes and progress moved forward it is necessary that we keep in step with the arising problems of the community. The three churches — Shiloh, Alexander and Oak Grove — which before have been adequate, must advance and keep step with community needs. Therefore we must meet that challenge by erecting a new and modern consolidated church in a centralized location that will take care of the needs of the youth of this vast community formerly known as Rockport circuit and now as Rockport parish.

Patronville Methodist church is a consolidation of the members of Oak Grove, Alexander and part of Shiloh churches, the former Rockport parish. The new church was erected on Highway 75, just south of Patronville, on ground owned by Mrs. Margaret Boyd.

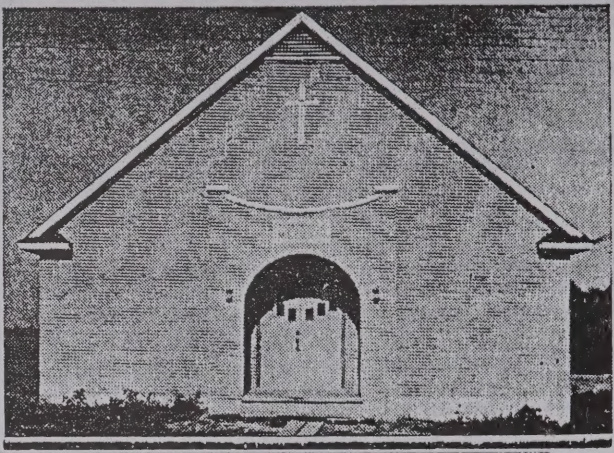
In Aug. 1950, the corner stone was laid in a very impressive ceremony.

Officers at that time were: Bishop, Richard Raines; district superintendent, Rev. Clarence Shake; pastor, Rev. Carl Gilbreath; trustees, A. C. Nunn 1951, Herman Denstorff 1952, Jay B. Shourds 1953; church treasurer, Paul Boyd; church secretary, Mrs. Amy Goweay; building committee, Jay Shourds president, A. C. Nunn treasurer, Pauline Denstorff secretary, Herman Denstorff, Howard Parsley, Robert R. Parsley, Paul Boyd; building superintendent, W. W. Fulks; Sunday School officials, Mrs. Hugo Zimmermann supt., Howerd Parsley ass't. supt., Barbara Sly sec'y., Robert Mackey treas.; president of W.S.C.S., Mrs. Bessie Shourds.

On Sunday October 3, 1954, with all indebtedness paid, the church was officially dedicated. Sunday school and worship services are held each Sunday morning. A. E. Morris is pastor, Louis Ray Morris, Sunday school supt. Trustees are A. C. Nunn, Emry Boyd, Chris Lusk, Jay Shourds and Robert Mackey. Mrs. Chris Lusk is president of the Womens Society of Christian Service and Shelby Wright is president of Methodist Men. Both organizations are very active in the church.

At present we have 139 members. This new church is meeting a very definite need of the community which it serves.

PATRONVILLE METHODIST CHURCH



The following first families of the old Rockport circuit are represented today in the building of this new church: Hamiltons, Williamsons, Skaags, Mackeys, Bradys, Parsleys, Franks, Woods, Millers, Wrights, Roberts, Lusks, Sallees, Saunders, Cain, Keller, Winkler, Seay and Barnett.

They, with other loyal workers who have moved into our community, are carrying forward the work of the Kingdom and were instrumental in making the plans to erect this new house of God.

The original class has passed on, but we can thank God that their spirits are with us today, the same Bible which they honored above all books is ours unchanged. This church is a memorial to their work. This audience an evidence that still the work they left unfinished is going on, for their God is our God. When we honor God, we honor them.

(We give credit to Miss Laura Wright for the use of part of the history she wrote in 1910 for the Shiloh church, and to Don S. Seay for the use of parts of the history he wrote for Oak Grove church in 1908.)

(The greater part of this history was written by Mrs. Garnett Parsley and Mrs. Grace Allen in July 1950. Mrs. Anna Mackey added the few paragraphs needed to bring it up to date.)

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Rockport paper gives casualty

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Sad casualty

Our town was suddenly thrown into considerable excitement, last Monday morning on the arrival of the train from Huntingburg, bringing with it the corpse of Spencer Howel, whose head was blown almost entirely off, by the discharge of a musket in his own hands.

It appears that he loaded the gun and stepped a few paces from the house, and in a few moments the discharge of the gun was heard, and his wife stepped out to ascertain the cause of the shooting. She found him lying speechless, the contents of the gun having taken effect in the right side of the face, near the lower jaw, passing to the top of the head, and carrying with it the whole side of the face and head. It is not known whether the shooting was accidental or intentional. Howel leaves a wife and two children.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 4, 1876.)

Note: Monument at Sunset Hill Cemetery, Howell, Spencer, Co D. 55 Ind Infantry.

Our Santa Claus news

Schierbaum Bros. started up their saw mill the past week. Miss Lucinda Kokomoor has been laid up the past week with neuralgia in her hand. Mrs. Mary Schatzer of Owensberg, came Saturday to see her mother, Mrs. Stuhrman. Mr. John Tischendorf is all smiles on account of the arrival of a fine baby boy at his home the past week. Mr. Ernst Lech of Cincinnati, who spent a few months with his grandmother, Mrs. Ahring, returned home Thursday.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 18, 1895.)

Newtonville news

Mrs. Mary Masters, wife of William Masters, Marianne, Arkansas, was interred at Highland on Friday of last week. Note: Monument information B. 1862 d. 1896.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 31, 1896.)

Gentryville news

We were very much pained to hear that Uncle Joseph Richard of Hammond Township, had departed this life by which the neighborhood lost a valuable citizen, the family a kind and devoted husband and father.

(Taken from Indiana Pocket, Feb. 12, 1887.)

Politics

The Democratic county convention at Chrisney Tuesday nominated the following ticket: Representative--J.T. Leonard. Clerk--J.A. Armstrong. Treasurer--Horace P. Boyd. Recorder--Charles Lehnen. Sheriff--Frank Stocking. Assessor--Simon Phillips. Surveyor--Louis Eigenman. Coroner--Dr. F.W. Billart. Commissioners--D.J. Axton and William A. Tuley.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 8, 1896.)

Assassinated

Asa Hull, an old farmer who lives between Dale and Selvin, was found dead on his farm Tuesday night with three pistol wounds in his breast. He has been having trouble for some time with different parties and it is supposed he was assassinated by one of them. Suspicion rests heavily on a certain party. We were unable to obtain further particulars at the time of going to press.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, May 21, 1897.)

St. Mark's Spans 100 Years And Together With Trinity Forms Parish

St. Mark's

The congregation was organized by the Rev. Peter Glenn, Jan, 23, 1853.

Through research in the archives of the Olive Branch Synod it was discovered the congregation had a name. Back in the days of the pastorate of the Rev. William L. Guard, who served the parish from 1898 to 1902, the congregation was known as "St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church". At a congregational meeting August 16, 1953, it was unanimously decided to re-adopt the name "St. Mark's".

The congregation had had three names up to that time. Originally, they called it "New Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church" because it was first organized at New Hope Landing, 2½ miles northeast of the present site of Grandview. The post office had been established at New Hope in 1849 and the little settlement about the Basye store site was situated on high ground, safe from flood waters of the great Ohio River. In 1853, the post office was moved to the present site of Grandview. However, when the Lutherans built their new church in the village they still retained the congregation's name, "New Hope". This name was used for many years. In 1885, the Rev. Jacob Keller reported the name of the congregation as "New Hope" in the "History of Spencer County" published that year. The Rev. William H. Dolbeer, who served as pastor from 1889 to 1892, reported to the Olive Branch Synod, the congregation's name as "First English Lutheran Church". This shows the influence of the German-English language problem that was so acute during that period.

When Pastor Kuhlman organized Trinity Church in Rockport, October 9, 1896, he created the Rockport Parish which has held the two congregations together in one pastoral charge to this day. In all reports since 1901 to the Indiana Synod, the congregation was listed as the "Grandview Church of the Rockport Parish" Throughout the following years this designation "Grandview" has appeared on all correspondence, hence the name "St. Mark's was forgotten from lack of usage.

The formal celebrating of the 100th Birthday of St. Mark's was held Sunday, September 27, 1953 with morning and afternoon services. The Rev. Wilbur M. Allen, pastor of the congregation during the great Ohio River flood of 1937 spoke in the morning on "The Unity of the Church" and in afternoon on "Living on Tiptoe".

Mrs. Hollis Haines played the new Electric Organ which had been secured by the congregation as part of the Centennial celebration. The old reed organ which had been in the church for abuot 40 years, was played for the last time by Mrs. Lewis Westenbarger on September 20 during the re-naming service. It was originally purchased from Charles Mosby, at which time the original church organ was sold to the Cox family. Tillie Vorhoeff was the first organist of the church. The new electric organ was dedicated during the Centennial celebration.

One of the most important things from the standpoint of material equipment is a set of ten tubular Deigan Tower Chimes. These chimes are controlled by a master clock, electrically operated. The chimes peal every quarter-hour and one-half hour, before each service they play sacred hymns. They are the gift of the late Edward Valentine Wilbern as a memorial to his father and mother, who were early members of this church. A bronze tablet is located north of the church in the yard, mounted on a huge rock taken from the Louis Wandel farm, marking the memorial with this inscription:

The Tower Chimes, Dedicated to the memory of my beloved parents John Albert Wilbern and Mary Wenner Wilbern by Edward Valentine Wilbern, A. D. 1929.

The chimes were dedicated by the Rev. J. Clarence Waltz of St. Mark's Church, Evansville and the Rev. Earl H. Courter, on June 6, 1931. During the 1937 Ohio river flood the water came up to 39 inches in the Church, completely ruining the automatic chime player damaging the clock system and intricate wiring of the electric switch board of the chime control. Mr. E. V. Wilbern then hired Mr. George Conner of Tell City to re-wire the chimes, moving all the wires of the key-board control from the basement to above the ceiling out of danger of again being flooded out. However, the chimes, through technical difficulties were not completely restored to operating condition and remained silent for more than 15 years. A special effort was made by the congregation to get them playing again during the Centennial year.

The Church was remodeled early in 1931. A special tower was built to house the chimes. Stucko was applied to the exterior and a porch with columns added to the front with two art glass windows installed. The beautiful window on the southeast at the bottom has this inscription, 1529-1929, indicative of the 400th anniversary of Luther's Small Catechism. The art window to the northeast at the bottom bears this statement: In Memory of The Wilbern Family, The Wenner Family.

After the Ohio River flood of 1937 the damage to the building was about $600.00. This amount was supplied by the Inner Mission Board of the United Lutheran Church making it possible to repair the church property. The church was rededicated on Sunday, December 19, 1937 by the pastor, Rev. Wilbur M. Allen the sermon being delivered by Rev. Otto H. Friedman pastor of Christ Church, Evansville. Joe F. Lloyd and Parker Tremper assisted Rev. Allen in cleaning out the church, repairing, and refinishing it after the flood had subsided.

The founder and first pastor, the Rev. Peter Glenn, died the death of a martyr. While in the next parish following Grandview, at Corydon, he was sought out and shot for his outspoken opposition to slavery by General Jonathon Morgan and his raiders during the Civil War in 1863.

CHARTER MEMBERS

Men: J. B. Livengood, William Lawson, Silas Lawson, Otto Verhoeff, Harmon Verhoeff, Jonathon Riley, Simon Smith, Henry Parker, Samuel Kein, Charles Sohn, Gustavus Nudershott, Mr. Haines, John Putman.

Women: N. E. Livengood, Lavina Lawson, M. Lawson, Augusta Verhoeff, Josephine Verhoeff, Letitia Riley, Catherine Smith, Martha Stout, Elizabeth Powell, Louisa Brown and Narcissa Fields.

The First Elders: William Lawson and Charles Sohn.

The first Deacons: J. B. Livengood and Silas Lawson.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Deceased body is in good shape even after 34 years

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Grave moved

About 34 years ago Peter Haskall died at his home at Centerville and his body, in a metallic coffin, was placed in the vault at the Catholic Cemetery just north of Rockport.

A few days ago a number of bodies in the vault were removed for the burial and that of Peter Haskall was found to be in such an excellent state of preservation, notwithstanding the many years it had lain there, that it was decided to let it remain a short time in the vault to give the public an opportunity of seeing it.

That part of the coffin lid above the glass opening was removed and disclosed the face and the upper part of the body of the dead. The trimmings of the coffin had fallen from their fastenings upon the body and seemed to form a shoulder. The mouth stood open, showing pearly white teeth beneath, and the face did not show the least sign of decay, but looked as though death had just ensued. The preservation of the body through the long lapse of years is truly wonderful and attracting much attention. *Chrisney Sun*

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 16, 1900.)

Married

Mr. Henry Frenchville and Miss Mary Wardelman, both living near Troy, were united in marriage on Tuesday, April 1. The Rev. Father Schaub officiated. Mr. and Mrs. L.N. Savage and children of Rockport were in attendance, Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Hurst and son, Norbert, of Tell City with about 40 other guests were present.

Lectures at Mt. Zion

Private Fletcher Peek lectured on his experience in the war to a crowded house at Mt. Zion Church west of Rockport Sunday evening.

Many could not get inside the church but stood at the windows. The talk was highly appreciated by everyone present. As an earnest of their appreciation the audience gave Fletcher a free will offering of over $18.

(Above articles from Rockport Democrat, April 4, 1919)

James Graham dies

James Graham was a prominent farmer of Spencer County. Word was received last evening of the death of James Graham, a prominent farmer of Spencer County residing near Rockport. He was a victim of typhoid pneumonia. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. J.R. Waitman and Mrs. Dr. DeBruler, of this city. He was universally and beloved in Spencer County, where his life was spent.

(Taken from Evansville Daily Journal, Jan. 18, 1897.)

James H. Taylor dies

James H. Taylor, aged 73 years, 6 months, 14 days, died Saturday, March 20, 1920, at 3 o'clock p.m., at his home in Rockport, after an acute illness of one week. Mr. Taylor had been in poor health for the past two years. Funeral services were held at the home on Main Street Sunday afternoon, March 21, conducted by the rev. J.H. Diehl, assisted by the Rev. A.L. Bennett under the auspices of the G.A.R.

Mr. Taylor was a soldier of the Civil War, serving in Company E of the 25th Indiana Regiment.

The remains were shipped to Oakland City Monday morning, where burial took place in the Montgomery Cemetery.

James H. Taylor was born in Dubois County, Sept. 6, 1846, and died at Rockport, March 20, age 73 years, 6 months and 143 days. At the age of 12 he united with the Church of Christ and remained loyal to his Lord to the end.

He was married to Fannie Lashley April 17, 1870, to this union four daughters were born, all of whom but one, Mrs. J.J. Rimstidt, preceded him to the other world, Mrs. Charles Mayhall having died only a few months ago.

In the death of Mr. Taylor the community has lost a good citizen, and a man of noble aspirations. Nov. 20, 1888 he married Anna Stevenson of Rockport, who with Mrs. J.J. Rimstidt mourn him.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 26, 1920.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Weatherholt gets skull fractured by mule

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Skull fractured

W. Weatherholt, son of Josh Weatherholt, was kicked on the head by a mule on Thursday of last week and suffered a fractured skull. He is getting along very nicely and will likely get well.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 17, 1920.)

Lincoln City news

Aunt Eliza Alley, age 79 years, died at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Clyde Ice, Wednesday, March 17. She was sick only a short time. The funeral was held on Friday, March 11 (21), at Old Pigeon. Rev. William H. Lanman conducting the service. She was friendly and kind to all she came in contact with. She leaves to mourn her departure many friends and relatives.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 26, 1920.)

From the *Ferdinand News*

Fulda: Tuesday morning August Collignon and Miss Katie Miller, two prominent and highly respected young people were united in marriage by the Rev. Joseph Villinger. The day was spent at the bride's home, where a wedding feast was held.

Many relatives from Louisville, Owensboro and Tell City were in attendance. The Fulda Star Band, of which he was a member, made some excellent music for the occasion. They will make their home near Crystal City, Zavalla County, Texas, where the groom has a good farm. May their path of life in the golden west be strewn with roses.

(Taken from Rockport Jounral, Oct. 7, 1910.)

Death

Julia Sargent Hancock was born Aug. 9, 1841, died June 10, 1911, aged 69 years, 9 months and 1 day. She was converted and joined the M.E. Church when a girl. She united in marriage to George W. Hancock Aug. 11, 1859, to this union was born nine children, five boys and four girls. Four preceded her to the better land, Tobias S., James W., Evelvia E. and Mary, who died in infancy.

She joined the Baptist church soon after her marriage. She was a consistent faithful loving member of the church until death removed her to her heavenly home.

She leaves three sons, two daughters, Thomas L. Hancock, Newtonville, Leonard M. Hancock, George C. Hancock, Owensboro, Ky., Anna M. Webb, Newtonville, Julia E. LaFever, Muncie, four brothers, Samuel Sargent, Fordsville, Ky., Edward, Chrisney, James Sargent, Degonia Springs, Thomas J. Sargent, Cherry Grove, Kan., deceased, and two sisters, Elner Sutton, Newtonville and Eveline Sidwell, Elwood. She leaves a host of loving friends to mourn her departure. Rev. R.A. Stevens conducted the funeral services assisted by the Rev. John W. Bunner after which the remains were laid to rest in the New Hope Cemetery at Newtonville.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 23, 1911.)

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County mourns assassination

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Democrat mourns a great president

The April 22, 1865 edition of *The Rockport Democrat* was bordered in heavy black rule as an indication of mourning for a president who had died by an assassin's bullet. President Abraham Lincoln was dead and a nation grieved over its loss.

The front page of *The Democrat* carried a complete account of the "dreadful tragedy" and official announcement by Secretary of War E.M. Staton.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Feb. 11, 1955.)

Stephen Burns buried

Stephen Burns, aged 87, for many years a resident of Spencer County, died the first of the week at the home of his daughter in Owensboro. The remains were brought to the Phillips Graveyard near Rock Hill for interment.

Four children are left: O.P. and W.T. Burns of this county, Mrs. Jane Dorio of Owensboro and James of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Burns was born where the town of Grandview now stands and when a boy lived in Rockport.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 30, 1911.)

From *Richland City Times*

Miss Aldah Victoria McCoy left Thursday for Chicago where her friend, Marie Hoover Ellis, is to join her to go abroad to study music. From Chicago they go by Niagara Falls to New York. They expect to sail from New York Thursday, Sept. 19, for London. After studying there some two months, they will go to Vienna where they expect to study until sometime next summer.

John Huser of Kenney, Ill., who has been visiting in this county for the past two weeks spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. Joseph Walters, and other relatives here.

John Yeager left Monday afternoon for Chicago, where he will enter law school.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oldham, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1911, a girl.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 22, 1911.)

Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs L.B. Deason celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Quite a number of their friends spent the day with them. Both Mr. and Mrs. Deason are hale and hearty in spite of their years and look forward to many more anniversaries.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 12, 1912.)

Abner Knowlton

Abner Knowlton, a well known and highly respected citizen of Hammond Township, whose home was two miles north of Newtonville, died on Saturday last and was buried Monday. Mr. Knowlton was a good man and was much esteemed by all who knew him.

He served during the war of the rebellion in Company I, 53rd Indiana Vol., and made a good record as a soldier. His comrades speak in the highest terms of his bravery and devotion of duty during the long struggle. Thirteen years ago he married Mrs. Sarah Main, the eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Allen Brooner, of this place. The union proved to be a happy one and they lived a most contented life together.

For a few years deceased had been in poor health, and since New Year's Day he had been confined to his bed. He was a devout Christian and an earnest worker in the church.

He died in great peace. The deceased had a great number of children by his first wife, all of whom are greatly attached to him. They as well as his companion, have sustained a great loss and have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The funeral took place Monday and was conducted by the Rev. Schoonover and the Newtonville G.A.R. Post. The funeral was largely attended and all present manifested deep sorrow that the good man had been called away.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Feb. 1, 1895.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Boy injured in bike accident

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Former Rockport boy injured

Sam Bartrim, a former Rockport boy, was dangerously injured last Friday at his home in Covington, Ky., by being thrown from his bicycle. His skull was fractured and one jaw bone broken.

Yesterday morning his brother, Jim, received a telegram to come at once as Sam was in critical condition. Sam has many friends here who regret to hear of his misfortune, and hope that his injuries may not terminate fatally. Sam formerly lived in Dale and also has many friends here who regret to hear of his accident.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, April 24, 1896.)

Pauline Kellams dead

Mrs. Pauline Akins Kellams departed this life March 12, 1912, aged about 70 years. She was married to Green Kellams and to this union were born five sons, three having gone to the Great Beyond. Those left are Morris Kellams of Evansville and Clifford Kellams of this place, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Her husband died in 1890 leaving her to fight her battles alone. She joined the U.B. Church many years ago in the building new used as a cooper shop.

One of the sad thoughts of her life was that she was left an orphan at the age of 4 years with several brothers and sisters, of whom she lost all trace, and did not know whether she had a relative living. She had been a patient sufferer for months. She will be sadly missed by loved ones who mourn her departure. *Grandview Monitor.*

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 18, 1912.)

Serious injury

On last Tuesday morning, Rosa, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Koenig went to school in a buggy and as she was alighting from the buggy at the school building, she slipped and fell across the plank walk receiving severe internal injuries. She has been near the point of death all week and at this writing she is slightly improving.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, April 24, 1896.)

Note: Rosa Koenig buried at Mary Help of Christian Cemetery, April 27, 1883, 26, July 1906, d/o Joannis and Elizabeth Boegli. Taken from church records. Small stone w/o dates.

Death at Richland

James W. Wisdom, son of E.L. Wisdom, of Green County, Ky., died at Richland, Spencer County, Ind., January 26, 1883, in his 40th year. The subject of his sketch when only 24 years of age, graduated from the Georgetown (Ky.) College of Science and Law.

Immediately after his graduation, he entered upon the practice of law, but soon abandoned that profession and entered the school room.

(Taken from Boonville Enquirer, Jan. 27, 1883.)

Mr. Kerb Scott, our clever and obliging railroad agent, and Miss Christina Wahl, also of this place, were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock Saturday morning. The many friends of the couple join us in wishing them much joy success.

Queries

Mary Ruth Vizbara of 1034 Iroquois Street, Clearwater, Fla., 34615, wants to exchange information on John Graham, born May 12, 1784, PA, married Nancy Rogers, daughter of Stephen Rogers Sr., born around 1789 Va., 12 children, son of John, married Nancy Rogers, Andrew Jackson married Lucinda Rogers, daughters of Elijah Sr.; daughter Mary married Elijah Rogers Jr.; son Joseph married Sarah Griffin, 2nd Hannah (Wilson) Farrell and Elijah married Charity Griffin, second Kesian Rogers. Others married Turner, Brown, Ragan, Duncan and Todd.

Graham-Rogers, 75th annual reunion Aug. 5, 12:00 noon, basket dinner at the Neighborhood Center, corner of Third and Wabash Streets, Frankfort, Ind. Information, contact Mary Ruth Vizbara.

Pauline Bunner of Route 1, Box 76, Rockport, Ind. 47635, wants information about John D. and Rebecca McCoy Pinkston of Centerville area. Son, John Elmer died 1900. They also had two daughters, Minnie F. and Mattie, who married Fred Trinkle in 1899?

Fred Kindel of 111 Shelley Court, Folsom, Calif., 95630, wants information on Kindel, Webb, Redus, Gideon, Crenshaw, Craig, Young, Carrington. He has thousands to exchange, including Indiana. Mine-Wm. Kindel born 1781 Va. m. 1800 Greene, Tenn., Elizabeth Webb resided: 1804 Ky., 1815 Giles, Tenn., 1820 Monroe Miss., 1825 Maury, Tenn., 1835 Yalobusha-Coahoma, Miss., 1850 Phillips Ark. Children married others shown above.

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Woman commits suicide by drowning

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Committed suicide

Mrs. H.C. Wagner of Jackson Township, Spencer County, committed suicide by drowning last week. Her body was found in a creek near the house. The occurrence took place two miles south of Gentryville. The deceased was aged about 75 years and was thought to be insane. Elijah McCoy of Rockport, with a jury, held an inquest and a verdict of insanity was rendered.

(Taken from Boonville Standard, Dec. 19, 1878.)

Note: Buried at Stark Cemetery, Jackson Township. Wagner, Mary E., 9, Dec. 1879, w/o HG 75y3m4d.

Obituary

John Roberts was born Jan. 2, 1834, and died at his home two and one-half miles south of Gentryville, April 12, 1912, aged 78 years, 3 months and 10 days. He was the son of William and Nancy Roberts and was the fourth and last surviving member of a family of six children. At the age of 25 he was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Louisa Tuley and was the father of six children, four of whom are living, John Jacob and Sherman, living in Jackson Township, Henry R. of Alaska, and Judge R.E. Roberts, residing in this city.

At his country's call for volunteers in 1861 he enlisted as corporal of Company H, 42nd Indiana infantry and received an honorable discharge on account of disability at Murfreesboro, Tenn., in January, 1863. Of the two wagon loads of Rockport boys who left here in 1861 and went to Gentryville to join Company H, but one is left, Allen Gentry of this city.

Mr. Roberts was a pioneer in every sense of the word, having lived in the log cabin, cleared the mighty oaks, hunted and feasted upon the wild game of the forest, ground his wheat on the wooden mortar and suffered all the inconveniences of pioneer life. By perseverance and economy he was enabled to pass the last years of his life in retirement and ease.

In 1892 his lifelong companion died. The funeral was conducted from the family residence by the Rev. E.H. Boldrey of this city, Sunday morning, April 14, after which the remains were laid to rest in Stark Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 19, 1912.)

Marriage licenses

Twenty-five years ago

Thomas Dixon to Jennie Roberts,
George Wandel to Glovie Woolfolk,
Richard Stephens to Bettie Sheridan (1887).

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 19, 1912.)

Buffaloville news

Business is dull on account of the bad weather. Several boys from near here went to Dale last Friday night to attend meeting, and one we know, and maybe more, got his ears frozen.

We are listening with both ears to hear the train on the new railroad whistle. We have heard so much about it being built. We almost imagine it is nearly completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoosier are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter at their house; also Mr. and Mrs. James Oskin are telling the folks "we have a little girl, too."

Scott Powell returned home a few days ago, after spending three years in the regular army. He is looking well, and everyone was glad to see him again.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Jan. 18, 1895.)

Note:

Lincoln books: *The Missing Chapter*, and *Lincoln and His Neighbors*, are on sale for $15 and $2 postage.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Twenty-four losses suffered in 1905 storm

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Storm of 1905

The storm which swept over the western half of Spencer County last Friday night was very destructive. Twenty-four losses were reported to the Home Insurance and Loan Company of Rockport, the largest being $275 to a Mr. Bohrer near Midway. W.Y. Kincaid had a damage to his barn of $200. Fences and trees were blown down everywhere though no persons were injured that we heard of. In Rockport two plate glass fronts on Main Street were broken and the belfry on the courthouse, put there about fifteen years ago for the fire alarm, was blown off and over into the Sheriff's yard.

Rockport Journal 5, May 1905

Child Buried

Little Myrtle, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Bufkin, died at their home near Little Pigeon church Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, 1896, after a few days suffering with membranous croup. The burial took place at Little Pigeon cemetery Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J.E. Covert.

Newspaper Clipping (Alma Hauenstein)

Mrs. F.M. Coomes Dead

Mrs. F.M. Coomes, widow of the late Frank M. Coomes, aged 61 years, died Tuesday afternoon in an Evansville hospital of cancer of the liver. The body was brought to her residence in Dale Wednesday morning and the burial will take place at the Dale cemetery at the side of her departed husband. Mrs. Coomes was a member of the local Presbyterian church and Rev. M.M. Hankin will have charge of the funeral service. Five daughters and one son survive as follows: Mrs. R.H. Reinkin of Indianapolis; Mrs. John E. Bell of Corrizozo, New Mexico; Mrs. Paul Wendholt and Miss Nellie Coomes of Evansville; Miss Ada Coomes of Dale and Benjamin Coomes of Colorado.

Dale Weekly Reporter, 29, Sept. 1911

Dale Burial

The body of George Wood of Chicago was brought to this place and buried in the old family burying place south of town last Friday. The deceased was a brother of W.L. Wood of this place and besides a wife and child leaves an aged mother, two brothers and one sister. Mr. Wood was well known here having been born and raised near Dale.

Note: No tombstone was found in 1986.

Rockport Journal, 19, Aug. 1904

Death

Mrs. Martha Oskin, wife of Daniel Oskin, of Gentryville, formerly of this place, died at her home Aug. 31, aged 44 years; and leaves a husband and five children. Burial took place at Old Pigeon Friday evening. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Landman, of Bristow.

Rockport Journal, 8 Sept. 1905

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Young girl narrowly escapes death

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County news

Mildred, 14-month-old daughter of William Eberhardt, one of Dale's prominent hardware merchants, narrowly escaped death from drowning last Friday evening. Near the Eberhardt residence there is a copper shop, in the rear of which there is a large vat, built in the ground on the surface grade and used to soak hoops. This vat was full of water and unprotected.

Little Mildred could barely walk and was not expected to leave the house, but she did, and but for the neighbors across the street had seen her in the yard and noticed her sudden disappearance, death would have resulted. Apprehension for her safety caused the neighbors to investigate, with the result that the little tot was found in the vat more dead than alive. The mother had not missed her yet. Heroic efforts brought about resuscitation. The vat has been filled up.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 27, 1904.)

Pleasant evening

Wednesday, April 27, was an evening long to be remembered by our friend, Vena Bufkin. While attending Young People's Union at Little Pigeon Church, friends numbering 75 gathered at her home to welcome her return. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, games, etc., until a late hour, after which all departed wishing her many more such happy birthdays. Vena, may you spend all your birthdays like this one and know the love of your friends is the wish of all.

(Taken from a newspaper clipping (Alma Hauenstein).)

Marriage licenses

Eugene Crowder to Cora Glenn, Earl W. Marshall to Etta M. Hess, Walter Harvey to Maymie Talbott.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 26, 1904.)

Local mention

The funeral of John Kerr took place Tuesday afternoon from his residence in the country about six miles northwest of Rockport. He was born and raised on his farm, his father being one of the old settlers of this county, he was a life-long Democrat and a staunch Presbyterian. The services were conducted by the IOOF of Midway, over a hundred members being present. The interment was made in his private burial grounds on his farm.

His untimely death comes as a surprise to his many friends. He was between 60 and 70 years of age.

Note: John Kerr 1843-1909 Graves moved from Kerr Cemetery to Sunset Hill and found in Vol. II, Page 145, Spencer County Cemetery inscriptions.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 31, 1909.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

John Bufkin to celebrate 69th birthday

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by Sharon Patmore of the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form. To contact Patmore, write Route 1, Box 310A, Chrisney, Ind. 47611, or call 362-7268.)

Birthday dinner

To the *Chrisney Sun:*

Sunday, July 23, will be a day long to be remembered by Uncle John Bufkin of Clay Township, it being his 69th birthday. Early on the Sabbath morning his children, relatives, friends and neighbors could be seen coming from all directions, and his barn was much too small to accommodate the teams that brought the people to his hospitable home.

When a count was made it was found that 56 persons were present. Six boys and two girls and eight grandchildren were there to remind him of their love and esteem, which he has ever sought and has been so successful in gaining and holding. The dinner how fat an editor or preaches misses the mark when he stands face to face with a table loaded with good things to eat, in giving a description of that dinner that can be relied on was grand abundant and good. The table was loaded until it groaned under the weight, and in about 30 minutes after the writer was permitted to help himself, he was also made to groan and wish for "the wing of a dove that he might fly away and be at rest."

After all were served plenty remembered her for her meal. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served during the afternoon and everybody was happy and returned to their homes realizing that it was a day well spent. We wish Brother Bufkin many more birthdays and many more years of peace.

(J.F. Griffith, pastor of Little Pigeon Church.)

Note: Newspaper clipping (Alma Haunstein) J.F. Griffith was pastor at Little Pigeon Church from 1899-1902.

Richland death

Last Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock Mrs. Addie Carter Keeler, wife of Hall Keeler, died at the home of her father, David Carter, of this place, with that dreaded disease consumption, after a long and painful affliction, but through all of which she was patient and kind to all and seemed to be only waiting for the call to go home to rest.

She was 22 years old, and leaves a father, mother, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Religious services were held at the Christian church at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, after which her remains were laid to rest in Ebenezer Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 22, 1904.)

Leave Spencer County

Ed Fay and family will leave tomorrow on the packet for Cincinnati on the way to their new home in Piqua, Ohio, where Ed is retained at a factory by the School Supply Company.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 9, 1905.)

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

School to be constructed

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by Sharon Patmore of the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form. To contact Patmore, call 362-7268.)

New school

D.L. Magee of Midway has the contract for the building of the new school house at Bloomfield. He has appointed Charles Skelton of Chrisney to superintend the construction.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Sept. 22, 1910.)

Masterson child dies

Anna May, the little five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laural Masterson, died last Friday morning of diptheria. The funeral was held from the home Saturday evening at two o'clock, after which the body was taken to the cemetery. She leaves a father, mother and three small sisters and a host of relatives to mourn her departure. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents. Anna May was of a sweet disposition and was loved by all her playmates.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 26, 1920.)

History of Christian Churches
Meeks Christian Church

I have done the best I could in collecting the dates when the Church of Christ (commonly called Campbellites) was first organized at the Meeks school house. It was the year 1864. I cannot get any correct dates, as most all of the members have either died or moved away and there is no records to be found to give the exact dates. Robert Woods of near Lake Mill and Robert Mitchell were the preachers, who organized the church at that time.

After several years the church went down and there was no preaching at the school house for several years. Then there came an elder by the name of Joseph Robertson, who was an Evangelist. He commenced preaching at the school house and it was not long before many of the old congregation met and organized the church the second time. I will give you their names but some of them are now dead: George Hopkins and wife, Ellen Hopkins, August Ginther, now deceased; Elizabeth Ginther, now deceased; George F. Sibrel and wife, Mary L. Sibrel; Marion Sibrel, Henry Sibrel and wife, Bell Sibrel. These are the ones who belonged to the first organization.

The second organization was formed on April 19, 1896, Joseph R. Robertson, MG, presiding. The organization formed, then they commenced to solicit funds to build a house of worship which was soon completed. There are but a few members but they are resolute, and I don't think the church will go down again. This is the best information that I can obtain for you. I hope this may help you complete your work. I remain as ever, your Brother in Christ.

Aaron D. Meeks

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 2, 1921.)

Old soldier dies

Jacob McMellin, an old soldier, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. David Riley, of this place last Sunday about 11 o'clock a.m. Funeral was preached at the residence Monday afternoon after which the remains were taken to the Gentryville Cemetery and laid to rest.

Lincoln City item in *Rockport Journal.*

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Oct. 6, 1916.)

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Obituary

Mary Etta, daughter of RICHARD and LOUISE WETHERILL, was born in January 1853, in Warrick County, Ind., and departed this life October 11, 1935, age 82 years and 9 months. She was married to WILLIAM J. GABBERT June 27, 1878, and to this union was born four daughters, two of whom died in infancy. She was converted at the age of eighteen years and joined a Baptist church in Warrick County but after her marriage she joined the Union Chapel Church with her husband, and lived a Christian life and attended church services as long as health permitted. Her home was a home to ministers and they were always welcome guests. Her life was lonely since the death of her husband almost two years ago. She was a good wife and mother and hence it can be said that a good mother has gone to her reward. Those left to mourn are the two daughters, Mrs. LAURA NEWTON and Mrs. MYRTLE SOUTHWOOD; one brother, J.T. WETHERILL; and three grandchildren, Helen, Etta, Wilma Jean and Garland Ray Southwood; several nieces and nephews, beside a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Union Chapel Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, with Rev. James Bradford in charge, and burial was in the nearby cemetery.

(Taken from the The Monitor, Oct.17, 1935.)

Forty-six years ago

JOSEPH C. CHRISNEY, publisher of THE SUN, and MICHAEL JOHNSON, both of this place, left on the noon train Monday last, Mr. CHRISNEY for Kansas and the Indian Territory to spend a month or two for the benefit of his health, and Mr. JOHNSON goes to Texas to visit relatives and friends. Mr. CHRISNEY promised to communicate with THE SUN during his wanderings, which we hope will be appreciated by many of its readers.

(Actually 1888)

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Nov. 30, 1934.)

Burglars in 1920

The Lake State Bank at Richland was burglarized last Thursday night and about $50,000 in bonds and $85 cash were stolen. The burglars entered the bank by breaking in at a back window and burning a hole in the front door of the vault. There is no clue to the burglars. We believe the bank robbers come from nearby centers where they have hiding places and the police force at the different cities should always be notified at once and always keep a watchful eye on suspicious characters.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, June 3,1920.)

Death at Richland

WARRICK ASHBY aged about 70 years, died at his home in Richland on Friday of last week and was buried at Mt. Zion Sunday afternoon.

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, Nov. 20,1920.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Mt. Vernon U.B. Church burns

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by Sharon Patmore of the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in its original form.)

Mt. Vernon U.B. Church burns

The Mt. Vernon U.B. Church, three miles north of Dale, was destroyed by fire at 6 o'clock Friday evening, the result of a defect in the gasoline lighting system. The janitor went to the small room where the gasoline tank of the machine was sitting and struck a match. The interior of the room was instantly in flames, evidently caused by leaking gasoline, and before help could be secured to fight the flames the entire structure was ablaze.

The building was valued at $1,000 with $500 insurance, although a similar building could not be built for $1,000. The church trustees have decided to rebuild it at once, and the building will probably be located on ground level across the road from the old building, which will be much more convenient and satisfactory to the people. All the church furniture was destroyed with the building.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Nov. 10, 1916.)

Jacob B. McMillen

Jacob B. McMillen was born in Knox County, Indiana, Sept. 6, 1840, and united in marriage to Mary Humphrey in 1861. To this union was born four girls, three of whom have gone to the better land. In 1861 when the government called for volunteers

Mr. McMillen answered the call and served for nearly three years as a private soldier. In 1871 he lost his companion wife, leaving the father the care of two small girls. Later he married Mary Jane Talley. To this union three children were born, two of whom died in infancy.

In 1894 his second wife departed this life leaving the aged father without a companion. He never made a public profession of religion but always manifested a quiet, gentle, loving disposition which is regarded

as fruits of the Spirit. They that have the Spirit of Christ is accepted with him. Two hours before he passed away he requested his son-in-law, brother D. H. Riley to sing a song and offer prayer, his requested being granted after which he said I am satisfied.

Such Godly desires spring from a Godly heart which is a memorial to those he has left behind. We feel to know that Grandpa is at rest. On Wednesday, Sept. 20, his daughter, Mrs. D.H. Riley went to Bicknell, Knox County, Ind., where her father

had taken sick and brought him to their home in Lincoln City, Ind., on Saturday arriving at four p.m. where he departed this life the following day at 1:30 o'clock Sept. 24, 1916, age at his death was 76 years and 18 days.

He leaves to mourn one son, John, one daughter, Mrs. D.H. Riley, and nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren and other relatives and a host of friends. Gone but not forgotten. Undertaker Burkhart had charge of the body and furnished a nice outfit.

Funeral services were held Monday at Mr. Riley's home conducted by Elder Thos. France of Huntingburg. Discourse of about 50 minutes was delivered from Romans 4-25 reads thus, who was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification. After which the remains was laid to rest in the Gentryville Cemetery to wait.

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Mozart Hall to be filled at Christmas

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society.)

Next Friday is Christmas and at night Mozart Hall will be filled to overflowing with eager faces and wishing hearts. The new hall will be completed by that time and a large Christmas tree will be placed in the hall for the accommodation of those who wish to be present with their friends with a Christmas gift. The young folks will doubtless be glad to have this opportunity to gladden the hearts of their many friends, wilst the parents will have also an equal chance to please their little ones.

The tree is free to every body who wishes to place presents upon it. Bring your presents along and make a merry occasion. This is the kindness of J.B. Chrisney, who will erect the tree and furnish the hall at his own expense. Everyone is invited.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Dec. 17, 1885.)

The Mozart Hall was upstairs above J.B. Chrisney Store, much social life of the town was held. There were medicine shows, school plays, Christmas programs, plays by stock companies, dances, political rallies and movies.

(Taken from "Our Hoosier Heritage Spring Station Chrisney, IN 1865-1987")

Died, Sunday morning, the little babe of Jacob Poths. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

(Taken from The Dale Reporter, Friday, Oct. 8, 1886.)

Roberts-Bennett

John Cody Bennett and Louella Roberts were married in Rockport last Friday by Justice James W. Rininger.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, May 6, 1937.)

Huffman

Peter Rutherford, died Dec. 18, at the home of his son-in-law, Willard Sanders. Will be buried at New Boston.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Dec. 21, 1900.)

Fairview

Sarah Richardson was born Oct. 9, 1832 and died Sept. 14, 1896, aged 63 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was married to Robert Reed, Dec. 28, 1853. Four children were born to this union, two of whom are living and two dead. She was sick only a few days, her suffering was intense, but she bore it with patience.

She was converted and joined the U.B. Church when 15 years of age and in 1862 she united with the Christian Church at Friendship. The funeral services were conducted by Elder J.T. Jacobs in the presence of a large concourse of people.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Sept. 18, 1896.)

Mr. C.H. Wright, of this city, has invented an instrument for registering railroad fare collected on trains by conductors which promises to be a success, and if it proves to be such it will be a "bonanza" for its owner.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Sept. 18, 1896.)

Madrid

William Tableman wears a broad smile all on account of the arrival of a new McKinley boy at his house.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Oct. 2, 1896.)

Anderson Valley

The little son of Helm Maham died Friday night. Interment took place at Troy on Monday.

Cupid

Wes Small of this neighborhood was taken suddenly ill and died last Saturday at 9 o'clock. The remains were interred in Mt. Zion Cemetery Sunday at 2 o'clock. Rev. A.A. Armen officiating.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Oct. 9, 1896.)

Chrisney

A little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith of Bloomfield died at their home last Friday evening of pneumonia and was buried Saturday in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

Married, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tool, last Sunday night, Mr. Laurence Whitehouse and Miss Hattie Tool.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Nov. 30, 1900.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

River bluff gets improved appearance

(Editor's note: Hoosier Ancestors is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society.)

Main Street

The excavation through the bluff at the east or river end of the street is now completed. A little trimming of the rock walls, more for appearance than utility, is about all that remains to be done. This work for which we have labored with tongue and pen for the last 10 years, is now accomplished, and Rockport takes with graceful propriety her position on the bank of river, instead of half-mile interior, as she was by the old route to the landing. One hotel, the "Sargent House," is just 390 feet from the water's edge, and its splendid new sign can be plainly seen by passengers on board the passing streamers.

The court house is some 160 feet further from the water, but plainly to be seen; one house is about being erected and others will soon follow in the immediate vicinity of the landing.

We had the contract at a renumerating price, and though the task was an arduous one, and we had to be out in all weather, every day for five months, we are fully consoled with the profits.

(Taken from The Planter, Rockport, Indiana, Saturday, Jan. 20, 1855.)

Mrs. Charles Jones, and daughter, Ethel, left last Monday morning for Cincinnati where they will spend a month visiting friends.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Friday, Oct. 8, 1886.)

Marriage Licenses

Jacob H. Frick to Minnie Hoops, J.C. Phillip Hubschman to A.B. Minnie Schmidt, C.M. Eissler to Fannie Trisler, Samuel M. Lamon to Laura Riley, James L. Brady to Elonora Frank, G.H. Hinton to Laura Davis, Wade Thomas to Sophia Savage, Jacob Bettag to Barbara Jochen.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, April 24, 1896.)

Amanda Musgrave

Aunt Amanda Musgrave, aged 78 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Heady, near Dale Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of long duration of chronic diseases. The funeral services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church, of which denomination she has been a faithful member since childhood, at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Rev. J.W. Condiff, the pastor having charge of the service.

Mrs. Musgrave was married to James Musgrave in 1848. To this union were born eight children, three of whom together with the father, had preceded her to the great beyond. Her son, Moses Musgrave, and daughters, Mrs. Josie Simpson, Mrs. Tillie Heady, Mrs. Mary Brooner and Mrs. Belle Springston, together with many other relatives and friends are left to mourn the loss of a good Christian mother and friend.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Report, Sep. 14, 1906.)

In 1915 a decision was made to form a Spencer County Historical Society. Following are names of the officers and executive committee members who were to serve 1915-1917, as well as members of the new Society.

The first formal meeting of this Society was held Aug. 30, 1916.

A.J. Payton, president; Robert Widmer, vice president; Helen M. Baumgaertner, secretary; and W.F. Adams, treasurer.

Executive Committee--Bell Walker of Carter, Jacob Fahr of Clay, J. Erwin Howe of Grass/Chrisney, W. Posey Meeks of Hammond, B.C. Birchler of Harrison, A.J. Hagen of rural Lamar/Huff, O.L. Perry of Gentryville/Jackson, F.R. Glenn of Rockport/Luce, and Helen M. Baumgaertner of Rockport/Ohio.

Members were: Jacob Fahr, Augusta Jacobs, W.F. Adams, John O. Chewning, Helen Baumgaertner, U.S. Lindsey, Carrie V. Halbruge, J.H. Diehl, Allie E. Roberts, W.D. Shewman, J. Edwin Howe, B.C. Birchler, J.W. Strassell, W.P. Meeks, A.J. Hagan, C.J. Kemp, Oliver L. Perry, Laura M. Wright, Helena Strassell, Eugenia Strassell, Arry Snyder, Myrtle Posey, H.G. Weiss, C.T. Baker, Robert Widmer, F.R. Glenn and Belle Walker.

(Taken from the scrapbooks of Mrs. Bess V. Ehrmann.)

Local

The American Legion of Ferguson Post No. 347 assisted in the conducting of the funeral of Everett Barker at Little Pigeon Saturday, Feb. 27.

Several from this place attended the shower and charivari for Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lamar at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schroeder. Best wishes to Anna and Vic.

(Taken from The Grandview Monitor, March 18, 1937.)

Dale

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Wallace and son, Mr. and Mrs. Argyle Brown and children, Mr. Harden of Beech Grove, Ky., Mrs. Nanz and Miss Nanz of Owensboro, Ky., composed an automobile party who motored to Lincoln Park last Sunday afternoon..

(Taken from Rockport Democrat Friday, July 24, 1914.)

Santa Claus items

A fine eight-pound boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schierhanm Christmas evening.

A number of friends and relatives of Jedde Fahr and his wife spent Christmas with him. A good time was had.

Mr. Kokomoor has filled his ice house with some first class ice.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Jan. 3, 1902.)

Query

Kathleen M. Jones, P.O. Box 563, Syracuse, Indiana, 46567, is seeking the parents of Reuben McCoy, b.30-Dec.-1975 in Ky., d. 21-Oct-1867, Spencer County, IN and wife Parthena Overall b.16-Nov.-1855, Spencer County, IN. Marriage date not known. Both are buried in Bloomfield Cemetery, Spencer County, Indiana.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Gold discovered

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Dale

There is a great deal of excitement at Lynnville, Warrick County, a little town about 15 miles west of Dale, over a discovery of gold in paying quantities on a farm one-half mile north of town. It is located among a rocky and very poor section of the country. The owner of the farm has had some of the ore tested by a good chemist and it assayed $15 per ton gold and $3.60 per ton silver ore. Dr. Wilde, the owner of the farm believes that the Knobs are full of gold and silver and will work his claim.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, Nov. 30, 1900.)

William Schwartz and son, Joe, left for Louisville Thursday. Joe intends to take a course in Business College at that place.

(Taken from The Dale Reporter, Friday, Dec. 31, 1886.)

G. Overlin has purchased D.L. Parker's residence and will take possession as soon as Mr. P can build.

Mr. Truville of Lincoln has purchased Gifford Overlin property and will soon become a citizen of Dale.

(Taken from The Dale Reporter, Friday, Jan. 7, 1887.)

Tom Medcalf is wonderfully elated over the arrival of a 13-pound dishwasher at his house.

(Taken from The Dale Reporter, Friday, March 4, 1887.)

Local and personal

The corn crop of Spencer County will be immense this fall and we are pleased to give the good tidings to our neighbor counties. Spencer County takes the lead for productions in all classes of grain.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 27, 1885.)

Weddings

Casper Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Dawson, and Miss Vivian Bunner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Bunner, were married at the M.E. Parsonage Saturday evening by the Rev. A.E. Morris. They will make their home in Rockport.

(Taken from The Grandview Monitor, March 18, 1937.)

Local

A.J. McIntire and old soldier, died at his home at Richland last Thursday.

Mrs. N.A. Richardson will have an elegant cottage erected on Elm Street this spring.

Beef has never been higher in Rockport since the cow jumped over the moon than it is now.

Jack Stuteville killed 50 ducks in the river bottoms between here and Owensboro, one day this week.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Died at her home three miles northwest of Newtonville on Sunday, Sept. 20, 1896, Miss Mattie Woodward, daughter of Mr. Augustus and Annie Woodward. In her 31st year after a short illness. Funeral services were held at the M.E. Church Newtonville by the Rev. Covert, Baptist minister. A large concourse of people attended and loving hands strewed her coffin with beautiful wreaths of flowers.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 25, 1896.)

Abstract of mortality statistics for June, 1915

Total deaths reported, 2,360; Rate 10.1 in preceding month, 2,669 deaths; rate 11.1, in the same month last year, 2,598 deaths; rate 11.3, deaths by important ages were: under 1 year of age, 278 or 11.7 percent, of the total; 1 to 4, 88; 5 to 9, 47; 10 to 14, 47; 15 to 19, 64; 65 and over, 833 or 35.2 percent of the total.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Aug. 20, 1915.)

County News

Chrisney

Mrs. Sarah E. Egnew, wife of John Egnew, died last Thursday at her home three and a half miles northeast of here after an illness of several weeks with dropsy. Mrs. Egnew was 66 years of age and leaves surviving, her husband and two sons, Wesley and Chris, and two brothers, W.S. Lamar of St. Louis and Dr. I.H. Lamar of Texas. Funeral services were held at Little Pigeon Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was conducted by the Rev. N.F. Gabbert. Her brother, W.S. Lamar, attended the funeral.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, July 24, 1914.)

Query

Kathleen M. Jones of P.O. Box 563, Syracuse, Indiana 46567, is seeking information about the Rev. Matthew Rogers--who was the first preacher at the Old Pigeon Church on Pigeon Creek in Spencer County. He had a son, John, who married ? Anderson, no dates are known, John had a daughter, Jane, who was born around 1820 in Kentucky. She married James Byers on the 16th of September, 1833, in Spencer County.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Death of a Spencer County pioneer reported

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society partially from oldnewspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

William T. Chewing died at his home near Huffman, this county on Monday last, aged about 74 years. He was born in this county, and spent his life near the place of his birth, excepting four years during which he was in the service of his country. He enlisted in Company "K" 81st Ind. Vol. Inf. in 1862, and served until the close of the war, participating in among others the battles of Stone River, Chicamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge and the siege of Atlanta, and returning with Thomas's command took part in the battles of Franklin and Nashville, Tenn. He was of a lively and jovial nature and was a great favorite with his comrades, entertaining them with patriotic songs, around the campfires at night many times after the weary march. It is said that his comrades would often "draw strings" to ascertain who would stand duty for him that he might stay to sing and entertain the boys.

He leaves a wife and five children, with many other relatives and friends, to mourn his departure. He was an uncle of the editor of the Journal, appropriate these lines from Scott:

Soldier rest! Thy warfare o'er, sleep the sleep that knows not, breaking. Dream of battled fields no more, days of danger nights of waking. In our isle's enchanted hall, hands unseen thy couch are strewing, fairy strains of music fall, every sense in slumber dewing. Soldier rest! Thy warfare o'er; dream of fighting fields no more; sleep the sleep that knows not breaking, mourn of toil, nor night of waking

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, March 13, 1896.)

Weddings

Miss Nola Haynes and Wyman Huffman were married Sunday evening by Rev. A.E. Morris; the ceremony taking place at Richland.

Frank Waitman, of Prescott Ariz. writes his mother, Mrs. Maude Waitman, that he has been advanced to a position as traveling salesman for the Arizona mining supply company, and has taken unto himself a bride; but his mother knows only her first name of Eva.

(Taken from the Grandview Monitor, March 18, 1937.)

Local and personal

The L.E. & ST L. RLY will run an excursion next Saturday to Louisville with stop-off privileges at Marengo for $2 round trip. The return tickets will be good until Monday on all regular trains.

The old site on the west side of the track, where the proposed new depot is to be built presents an entirely different appearance. The old thing, to speak, has all been leveled down and would make a first-class croquet ground. But guess we'll prefer the depot.

Bradley Station

Rev. C.W. Stone will preach at Pigeon Church next Sunday morning.

Rumor tells us that there will be a wedding in this vicinity in the near future.

Rockport

DIED: Walter, only child of E..E. Wesseler, died this morning, Walter was a bright boy and will be sadly missed. Mr Wesseler has the sympathy of the entire community in the bereavement. Aug. 25th Dalsy.

Ladies hats this fall will be felt, sometimes they can almost be heard they are so loud.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Aug. 27, 1885.)

County News

Friendship

The young ladies of this place between the ages of seven and thirteen years gathered at the home of Miss Gertie Hess on last Sunday to celebrate her thirteenth birthday. They reported having quite a grand time.

Queries

Kathleen M Jones, P.O. Box 563, Syracuse, Ind. 46567

Seeking parents of John Sirels, b. 1829, d. 25 December 1881, buried Old Christian Cemetery in Dale, Indiana. John married Melvina Edwards ? They had a daughter Fanny Jane, b. 4 October 1873. Are there any other children?

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The Journal office holds war relic

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

The Rockport Journal

We have a Revolutionary War relic in the *Journal* office--a bridle bit picked up on a battlefield of that war by the great-grandfather of W.H. Parker of Ohio Township. His great-grandfather was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and one of the Indian wars and died at the age of 103 years.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Friday, March 15, 1901.)

Memories of 1854
Richland Ind., July 21, 1930

Well we never had more days just like the ones this summer that I ever remember without it was 1854. I see the Mt. Zion items says that it has been 72 years since we had a drought just like this but not quite so bad. I remember all about it but it wasn't 1858 but 1854.

I was half grown and I sure remember and it was as bad as this. It didn't rain from the last of March until September. We had an old pond or slough with a pond in the middle of it. It was a pond that never went dry when I first remember it but later on they dug a ditch and drained the pond so it went dry in the summer time. So we kept burning every fail in dry times until the spring of 1854 we had it about cleaned up. Father said: "Boys, I believe it is going to be a dry year and had better get the old slough in." So we ploughed it, worked it a week or two and got it in pretty good shape, planted it in corn, raised 50 bushels to the acre, when if there had been rain enough to raise crops on other land it would have drowned our corn out.

We made fine corn and people came from Warrick County, in fact from every direction, for seed and bread corn. I saw men come and offer father a dollar and a half and two dollars a bushel. He would say: "No, I will let you have some for bread or seed, but will charge you only one dollar per bushel for that is all I would be willing to give and that is all I will take."

That is the kind of people we used to have but that kind is all dead and gone.

The year 1858 was a good crop year. I lived with Lane Boyd, who lived north of Enterprise, and I raised a tobacco crop on Uncle Jim Boyd's farm, as fine a crop as I ever saw.

Now the Mt. Zion itemizer, as I understand it, don't claim to know of himself about what year it was but whoever told him just missed it four years.

I remember that year, 1854, five of our neighbors died with cholera, Alfred Prosser, Elisha Durfey, Dan Pry and wife, Quint, Barnett's wife and Dan Pry's sister. People were scared to death, drank cholera medicine like water.

S.W. Nunn

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, July 25, 1930.)

Query

Norman S. Suter, 2771 Lakeshore Drive, Mt. Dora, Fla. 32757, needs date and place of birth, death and burial of Margaret Suter, wife of Harrison Suter, died 1870, Rocky Bottom Farm, Rockport; daughter, Effa M. Suter, born 1864, married John T. Wells, 7-30-1881, and would like information on the Wells family.

Joseph Hildebrant and Miss Sallie Cooper were married at the residence of G.W. Stillwell, Monday night, the Rev. Brantley, officiating.

(Taken from The Dale Reporter, Friday, Dec. 31, 1886.)

Obituary

As the red sun began to hide its face beneath the western horizon Thursday, July 23, Mrs. Lydia A., wife of S.D. Beasley, passed gently away from earthly cares to heaven's enjoyments. That dreaded disease, consumption, was the cause of her death. Mrs. Beasley was in her 30th year. Just before her life's departure, she called all her relatives to her bedside and requested them to follow in the path of righteousness, and when life had ebbed away to shed no tears as she wanted to die.

She joined the regular Baptist church about three weeks before her death which was a great relief in her last hour. She died without a struggle. Her last words were "O death!" as if it came to her relief. Her remains were interred at Centreville Cemetery Friday following.

C.F.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Aug. 6, 1885.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Two men sell seed in a bold theft

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

A bold theft

Two men reached the conclusion last Monday that they needed some money, and needed it badly, this is the way they proceeded to line their pockets.

Ben Schriefer, who has a farm near Buffaloville, this county, but who himself lives at Lincoln City at present, left a portion of his household goods at the farm when he went away. He also had some clover seed which he was holding for better prices.

The two men went to his farm house and helped themselves to his canned fruit and such other things as suited their convenience, and then determined on marketing the clover seed for some cash. They had no team, so they went to Schriefer, who is running a livery stable at Lincoln City, and expressed a desire to use his team to make a considerable journey, the real purpose, however, being to get Schriefer's own team to haul off his own clover seed which they proposed to steal.

Schriefer had no team and secured a rig. Later in the day they drove over to Schriefer's farm, loaded up the seed and drove to Chrisney, where they sold it. They then took the rig back to the owner at Gentryville, settled for the use of the same and disappeared, presumably by train. All things considered this was no doubt one of the coolest and boldest thefts ever perpetrated in this county. So far the men have not been apprehended.

Just before going to press we learned of the marriage of two young couples in Dale, both of which were kept secret until after they had occurred. Dr. Weiss of Lamar and Miss Sadie Minor, of this place, drove to Huntingburg yesterday and were married by the Rev. Priest.

On Wednesday evening, Mr. Will Jones and Miss Hattie Blair, both of this place, were married by Town Clerk, M.L. Medcalf.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Dec. 6, 1901.)

Dr. G.F. Adye of Newtonville was in the city last Saturday. He has recently returned from Texas where he spent two or three years recuperating his health, and returned much improved. He has resumed the practice of medicine at Newtonville.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, June 16, 1893.)

Deaths

William Frakes

William Frakes, age 37, died at his home in Gentryville yesterday morning of pneumonia. Burial to be Friday afternoon. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; two children; his father, James Frakes; and a sister, Mrs. Carrie Farley.

Mrs. Clara Snyder

Mrs. Clara Snyder died at her home at Patronville yesterday morning. Funeral at Oak Grove Friday with burial in Sunset Hill Cemetery. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. S.L. Hamilton, Mrs. J.L. Jones and Miss Arry Snyder; a son, Clint; and a brother, J.D. Miller; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Taken from Grandview Monitor, March 18, 1937.)

Mr. J.C. Weller of Cliffton Mills, Ky., carriage maker and woodworker, has written our postmaster an interrogatory letter in view of locating here and putting up a carriage factory. We welcome Mr. Weller, should he come this way, and say in his behalf, that he can find no better point for his business than Chrisney, it is the center of the county and throws open a wide field to his enterprise as well as the other branches of business. Come and see us, Mr. Weller, here's your home.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, July 23, 1885.)

Real Estate Transfers

Scheessele, Alice to Sarah C. Tilley, S NE SE NE 12-7-8, 8.5 acres, $350.

Johnson, Nettie E. to S.F. McLaughlin. Richland City, 3-6, $1,200.

Mason, Christopher C. to Mary Lammert. Lot no. 16, Grandview Graveyard.

Gwaltney, Sammuel P. to Frank Fueger, Pt. NE NE 12-6-7, 24 42-100, $2,100.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Sept. 25, 1914.)

Late will

The last will of John Fredrick Grass, late resident of Spencer County, has been entered of record with Clerk Woolfolk. To his son, Gustave A. Grass, is bequeathed all the land owned by him and also some lots in the town of Maxville. To his wife is given the sum of $300 with the request that his son Gustave A. Grass provide a home for his widow and give her all the necessaries of life during her life time. To his son, Fredrick William, he gives $100 to his son, Christian Fredrick, $700, and to his daughter, Anna Doesch, $700. Gustave A. Grass is named as executor of the will which was made Jan. 16, 1911 and witnessed by Leonard Gebhard and Adam Busch.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, July 10, 1914.)

Query

Norma F. Milwee, 4011 Kiva Trail, SW, Los Lunas, N.M., 87031, is looking for information on the parents of Cynthia A. Thorp, who married Francis M. Schoolfield Feb. 27, 1856 in Spencer County. Cynthia and Francis has three children: Mary Jean who married Benjamin F. Bufkin, Adaline A. who married Samuel David Clement, and George. Cynthia then married the brother of Francis in 1868 and they had a daughter named Martha. Adaline and David Clement are Milwee's great-grandparents. Any help would be appreciated.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Niblack kills intruder making midnight raid on chicken roost

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A midnight Marauder

Killed while making a raid on Mr. L.A. Niblack's chicken roost last Monday night.

Last Monday night above midnight Mr. L.A. Niblack was aroused from his bed at his elegant residence on the bluff by sqwalking of his chickens in his hen house. He got up and awoke his sister, Mrs. Woodruff, as they proceeded to investigate the disturbance Mr. Niblack taking his revolver and Mrs. Woodruff the lantern they marched out to meet the enemy. On opening the hen house door they saw something dodge behind a barrel, but could not ascertain what it was.

Mr. Niblack removed the barrel and opened hostilities by firing three shots in rapid succession at the object, and then took hold of the tail of the "varmit" and found he had captured an opossum. Mr. Niblack had to use a hatchet to dispatch the animal, but his victory was complete.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 25,. 1893.)

75th birthday anniversary

Seventy-five years ago last Wednesday, May 16, 1819, William Stilwell was born in Hamilton County, Ohio. His wife died a few months ago and he is now making his home with his son, Dave, in this place. He and his wife lived together for nearly 60 years and to them 10 children were born and all but two are still alive.

His children and relatives planned to observe his 75th birthday with a family dinner in his honor. Accordingly Brother Stilwell was taken to the country for a visit, and when he came in Wednesday morning he found the house held some 50 relatives and friends to welcome him and extend contratulations.

Just before eating a sumptuous dinner religious services were held and some presents given him, Revs. Wallace, Richardson and Clippinger taking part in the exercises. The first in a most affecting and eloquent address presenting a large chair, the gift of children and relatives, the second offering a most touching prayer; the third reading scripture lesson and presenting a handsome suit of clothes, also the gift of children and relatives.

It was a glorious scene to witness and will long be remembered by all. Brother Stilwell is one of our most respected citizens, and his many friends extend hearty congratulations and the *Journal* joins them in wishing him many happy returns of the day at last, when life is done, may he enter into the mansion prepared for the faithful in heaven, to meet his companion and loved ones gone on before, to go out no more forever.

A guest.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, May 18, 1894.)

County news

Fulda

Catherine Zogleman was born in Germany in the year 1830 and died at this place March 2, having come to this country when she was 12 years of age. Mrs. Zogleman was beloved by all who knew her and was the mother of six sons and three daughters, four of whom have preceded her in death.

Those surviving are the Rev. Joseph Zogleman of the Holy Trinity Church of Evansville, Robert and Henry of Owensboro, Martin and Frank of this place and Barbara Richter of Warsaw, Wis. Mrs. Zogleman was the grandmother of 28 children and the great-grandmother of 10 children. Funeral services were conducted by her son, the Rev. Zogleman of Evansville.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, March 6, 1914.)

Obituary

Laura, wife of John Blackford, aged 27 years and 8 months, breathed her last on Sunday, Aug. 22, 1885, at 2 p.m. Typhoid fever had seized and made her its victim and lingered but a short time; death releasing her suffering.

Mrs. Blackford was well known to the populance of Chrisney, and those who had everyday life with her, knew her only as a true, loving and kind-hearted friend. For it is said it was not her lot to make enemies, but her mission of friendship while on earth, was well filled and when the sands of time had ceased to number her hours, she willingly departed this life to take up a new and better one.

She leaves a husband and child, and many friends and relatives to follow in her path of worldly love, to weep tears of sorrow and regret, and finally meet her on the golden streets of paradise.

Sunday her remains were taken to Yelington, Ky., for interment.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Aug. 27, 1885.)

Kemp-Meece

Mr. Huber M. Kemp, son of John Kemp, residing three miles north of Dale, was married to Miss Daisy A. Meece, of Little Pigeon, Sunday. The wedding occurred at the U B Parsonage at this place, the Rev Patterson officiating.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Dec 6, 1901.)

Oct. 11, 1990

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Steamer Tell City now sports a whistle

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Local

The Steamer Tell City now sports the old Outh Rie whistle. The whistle was taken from the old Eugene and placed on the Tarascon, was transferred from the Tarascon to the Outh Rie, from the Outh Rie to the city of New Albany, but when the boat was sold, the whistle was reserved and placed on the Tell City. The whistle has been in use over 40 years, but is as musical as ever.

We understand that an effort is being made to establish a post office at Lake Mills. It is certainly much needed by that community.

The fish market has opened here again, Mr. Harrison, the fisherman sold 800 pounds Tuesday evening as fast as he could dress them at 8 and 10 cents a pound.

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Schroer-Schmitt

Mr. Louis Schroer and Miss Anna Schmitt married.

Mr. Louis Schroer of this place and Miss Anna Schmitt, of near the campground were married at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Samuel Schmitt, Wednesday afternoon at 8 'clock.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony a sumptuous wedding feast was enjoyed by the newly wedded couple and the numerous guests. During the evening the bride and groom were recipients of many valuable presents.

The bride is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schmitt and is a prominent and highly-respected young lady. Mr. Schroer is the son of Mr. H. Schroer of Dale and is a man of high-standing and integrity.

The young people will make their future home in Dale and will occupy the home recently purchased by Mr. Schroer.

Their many friends wish them a contented and happy life.

(Taken from the Dale Reporter, Dec. 6, 1901.)

Third-story window

All hail Dr. Oliver Morgan, the first gentleman who has accorded to the citizens the opportunity of looking up at a third-story window in the town of Rockport. This opportunity was afforded us on Saturday last and the front windows of the doctor's new house were gazed at as quite a novelty. In a few months or years these three-story concerns will be quite common, but we now took the lead in the species of enterprise.

(Taken from The Advertiser, Thursday, Sept. 4, 1856.)

Deaths

Mrs. Mary Robinson

Mrs. Mary Robinson, age 79, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Buddington, Evansville, Friday afternoon, and was buried in the Grandview Cemetery Sunday afternoon following services at the Garvenwood Baptist Church, Evansville.

Besides her daughter, she is survived by three sons: John and Herschel Robinson of Evansville and Ralph Robinson of Virginia; 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Clarence Balderson

Clarence Balderson, age 60, died at his home in Rockport Sunday night and was buried yesterday afternoon following services at the home. He was a member of the firm of Balderson and Ashcraft and a member of the city council. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; a daughter, Mrs. Charles Feigel; and a son, James, all of that city.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, April 18, 1937.)

Local

Several of our "gay and giddy" folks, attended the entertainment at the Killian Schoolhouse last Tuesday night.

The heaviest frost that has fell this fall made its appearance last Tuesday night.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Oct. 8, 1896.)

County news

St. Meinrad

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kluck last Monday, a girl.

Will Neu, who has been clerking in a grocery story at Evansville, has returned here. No place like home.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, March 6, 1914.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Horse thief arrested in the county

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Horse thief arrested

William H. Broyles, alias George Dray, rode into town Monday evening on a beautiful grey horse which he hired in Evansville that morning for a short drive. Marshall Howk was on the lookout for the man, having received a message by telephone earlier in the day, describing the man and horse and requesting the arrest of the man if he came this way.

As soon as Broyles rode into town on the horse he was recognized as the man wanted. He stopped at the Coppage's Livery Stable, where he tried to trade the horse and was making arrangements to board him there for the week, when deputy marshall George Howk placed him under arrest. In response to an order from the officials at Evansville, the Deputy Marshall took Broyles and the horse back to Evansville on the Hite. He was arraigned in court Tuesday morning and pleaded not guilty. The trial was postponed. Broyles is wanted at Louisville for stealing a horse and at Henderson for stealing a bicycle, receiving the latter in trade for a horse he had hired. He is a young man 23 years old.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 23, 1900.)

Oak Grove

Born to Robert Keown and wife, last Saturday, twin girls.

Lincoln City

There is talk that a new monument will be erected next month over the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of President Lincoln, but our people have heard so much talk that they don't expect much else.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Dec. 28, 1900.)

We regret to learn that the family of Judge Pitcher of Mt. Vernon was poisoned last week, from the effects of eating bread containing some poison put in it by mistake by the servant girl, through mistake. The whole family have been very sick since but fortunately they are all recovering.

(Taken from The Advertiser, Thursday, Jan. 29, 1857.).

Richland

"Uncle" Jack Munday is making some improvements to our town by repairing his dwelling and erecting new buildings.

Once more the wedding bells were set jungling in our town. The happy parties were Mr. Heilman Shoptaugh and Miss Susie Carter, who are now traveling life's stormy way together.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 2, 1903.)

The good price paid for tobacco have set many a farmer to thinking about the propriety of putting out a "patch" next season. There is room to anticipate fair figures for this product for a year or two yet, and a good crop to put on the market about Christmas comes handy.

County Auditor, J.G. Rimstidt, was here Tuesday, having come to bring a little girl from the orphan's home to place in the family of Mr. John Winkler. The little girl is bright and intelligent and of good disposition. She will of course be pleased with her new home, and Mr. and Mrs. Winkler will no doubt become much attached to her.

(Taken from Dale Reporter, Jan. 3, 1902.)

Martha Hill, consort of Isaac Hill, was born in North Carolina, April 4, 1819; died in Chrisney, Ind., July 18, 1885. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, but as a matter of convenience, she united with the U.B. Church a few years ago, there being a place of worship near where she resided of that denomination. The deceased was loved by all who knew her. She no doubt died prepared for the change. Her father and mother were well-known citizens--the late Daniel Felly and wife--they having resided near Tippacanoe for many years. The bereaved family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Christianity, if it means anything means 16 ounces to the pound, three feet to the yard, a just weight and a just measure. It means honesty in all dealings, purity in all conservation, a charity as bread all the race, unflinching integrity, sympathy and humanity to man. With these there can be no compromise.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, July 23, 1885)

Query

Charles B. Huppert, 157 East 61st Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46220 is looking for any information on Elsa Grigsby, daughter of Aaron and Margaret Miller Grigsby, born between 1830 and 1831.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Boiler explosion takes the life of two

Chrisney Sun, November 26, 285

Boiler Explosion
Two persons killed and others wounded

The mill of S.F. McLaughlin at Richland City, Spencer County, entirely destroyed.

Taken form the Saturdays Evansville Courier.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a terrible boiler explosion occurred at Richland City, Spencer County, killing two persons and wounding five others. The boiler was situated in the mill belonging to Mr S.F. McLaughlin, which had just been completed. The boiler was being tested at the time of the accident. It was situated in the north end of the building, and when it exploded passed through the metal room and three walls, and through the brick store room of MrMcLaughlin, killing Mrs McLaughlin, who was in the store; crossed the street and into a blacksmith shop owned by Charles Fisher, sixty feet distant. Carrying Mr Fisher, who was at work at the anvil, together with anvil, out of the shop and into the commons, killing Fisher instantly. It also passed through the store of J.T. McKinney, who was struck on the head with a brick, inflicting a severe wound. In its wild career it passed through a barn one hundred feet distant from McKinney's store and struck a large oak tree, breaking it off some distance from the ground. The entire distance traveled was about 330 feet. William Hildenbrandt was wounded, it is supposed mortally Lewis Benett, Sebern Jones, and Henry Fortune were badly scalded.

The mill was totally destroyed, the blacksmith shop badly wrecked, and the barn damaged considerably. Mrs McLaughlin was a most estimable lady, and universally loved by all who knew her. Mr Fisher, the other unfortunate, was an industrious man and a good citizen. He was a faithful soldier in the late war, leaves a family of small children, in moderate circumstances. Mrs. McLaughlin leaves a husband and several children to mourn her sudden demise. Mr McKinney, who was wounded on the head, is the trustee of Luce Township. The other parties injured were laborers at the new mill.

Grandview Monitor, March 18, 1937

Deaths

Mr.....s Mildred Meyers, age 37, of Chrisney, died early Monday morning. And was buried in the Chrisney Cemetery Tuesday morning. She is survived by the husband Earl; and by children; her mother, Mrs Rebecca Tuley; two brothers and three sisters.

Mrs Naomi Elizabeth Fletcher, age 52, died of Apoplexy Saturday night and was buried at Highland Tuesday afternoon. She is survived by a sister, Mrs Belle Smith.

Rockport Journal Weekly, October 2, 1903

Personal

Mr and Mrs. C.T. Baker left on the Packet Monday Northern Ohio to visit Mr Baker's parents and other relatives.

A Surprise Wedding

On Wednesday evening at the home of the bride on Fourth Street, Miss Mary O Clement and Dr. James Turpin were united in marriage by Squire Stewart. The wedding was a surprise to all the friends and neighbors, as no one knew that any courtship had been going on. It was intended to keep the matter a secret but leaked out. The groom is seventy-three years old and the bride is fifty-five. This is her first matrimonial venture. Here's hoping that life may look young and fair to them.

Dale Reporter, September 14, 1906

Southern Indiana Notes

The Cole Brothers Circus will probably winter on the Oakland City Fair Grounds.

A storm in Warrick County Sunday afternoon did considerable damage. A $2000 barn belonging to Park Seely, on near Boonville was destroyed by lightning.

Sixty button machines have been installed in the new Pearl Button Factory at Rockport. Each machine will require an operator and they propose to place 200 machines in the building as soon as they can get men to operate them.

Rockport Democrat, October 20, 1916

County News
Hatfield

Mrs Elizabeth Mattingly and Miss Gertrude Mattingly and Mr. and Mrs A.W. Lashbrook attended the golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Abel Wright last Thursday.

The Princeton Creamery Co. are to place a cream station here under the management of Will Simms.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Dale couple is married in Evansville

Dale Weekly Reporter, August 29, 1919

Married

Mr. Horace C. Medcalf, and Miss Velma L. Merry, daughter of Mrs. Nettie Merry both of Dale, were married Saturday last, at Evansville by the Rev. Wm. N. Dressel, Pastor of St. John's Church.

Mr. Medcalf has, for the past two years, been employed by the National Refining Company at Evansville, and Miss Merry was the operator exchange for the past three years. Both are popular people who are highly respected by our good people. Mr. and Mrs. Medcalf will locate in Evansville.

Rockport Journal Weekly, October 2, 1903

Born to Thomas Polster and wife, on Friday last, a son, their tenth child. Born, to Henry Hessig and wife, a little daughter, on Sunday. A twelve pound son was born to Mike Ernst and wife on Monday of this week. Who next?

Rockport Democrat, October 20, 1916

Eureka

The little daughter, Mary Betrice, of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilkinson is ill of Diphtheria. The little girl is getting along very well.

About nineteen pupils of the school are in quarantine on account of Diphtheria

A party in the nature of a birthday surprise awaited Mrs. Daily Sargent when hastily called to the home of Mrs. Perry Himmelheber on Walnut Street on Wednesday evening. The birthday gifts, the decorations, the refreshments were all delightful.

Hatfield

Mrs. A.W. Lashbrook attended the and Mrs. Abel Wright last Thursday.

Rockport Democrat, February 19, 1876

February Electricity. An innocent child is victim, several others shocked by the stroke

On Sunday last during the storm, about 3 o'clock p.m., a little son of Mr. Robert Connor, living near Spring Station, was killed by lightning. He and four other little boys were standing near a barn when the stroke came, prostrating the entire party. Just how long the little fellow remained paralyzed is not known, but it was not a very great while. The oldest one recovered first and gave the alarm, and in a few moments all of them were restored to consciousness, except little Lewis, the youngest of the party, about 8 years of age. His father picked him up and carried him to the house, and when endeavors were made to recussitate him, it was discovered that his neck was broken. The electricity, it seems, struck him on the back of the neck and coursed down the spinal column, went into the ground, and came to the surface again about two feet from where the child stood. His clothes were torn off and pieces of his clothing, boots, suspenders, etc., were scattered over the ground for a considerable distance, and his back was terribly burned and blistered. His hat was burned almost to ashes while the metal about his suspenders was melted. The stricken family received the sympathy of the entire community, and on Monday a large number gathered at the house and bore the little body to its last resting place-Fairview Burying Ground.

Rockport Journal, Friday, May 18, 1894

Fine Livery Stock
W.M. Wright Makes an imposing

At 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon W.M. Wright the proprietor of the Third Street Livery Stable, made a novel display of his stock. Headed by Rockport Silver Cornet Band, the procession, composed of 15 fine, stylish rigs, formed at the stable marched up Third to Elm, on Elm to Second, down Second to Main, down Main to the west part of town and return, each team bearing a banner containing the advertising of one of the business firms of the city. It was an elegant display and shows that Mr. Wright is fully abreast of the times in his line of business. His motto is "Speed, safety and style."

The Planter, Saturday, January 6, 1855

On the 1st inst., Mrs. Harriet O. Cutler, Wife of Mr Chauncey Cutler.

On the 4th inst., Miss Minerva Giles, in the 20th year of her age.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Richland is prospering

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Town is prospering

Richland City is in the middle of a big boom. The town has been growing right along since the traction road was built. There have perhaps been more new houses and other buildings and additions made there during the past year than at all the other towns of its class in the county, and the boom still goes on.

Some very nicely appointed homes have been erected within the past two years. The population of the place is also keeping pace with the building operations. If the town would incorporate and concrete pavements be built on the principal streets, the people would have greater cause yet to be proud of their town.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 3, 1911.)

Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Jeffers announce the birth of twin daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruen of Evanston, Wyo., on Oct. 11. The little nieces have been named Lorraine and Loas. Mrs. Bruen was formerly Miss Loas Jeffers.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Oct. 26, 1939.)

Death of Mrs. M.G. Wood

Novel, the wife of Milton G. Wood, died at their home near Dale Monday morning after an illness of short duration, of lagrippe. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J.W. Gilley, at the family residence at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon with the interment taking place at the Dale Cemetery after the service.

Mary Novel Bradley was born Nov. 28, 1869 and was 37 years, 2 months and 27 days of age at the time of her death. She was converted and joined the U.B. Church when she was 15 years of age, of which church she continued a faithful member.

She was united in marriage to M.G. Wood Feb. 9, 1887. To this union was born nine chidlren, two of which preceded her to the Happy Land. She leaves a husband and seven children, the youngest only three weeks of age. Her mother, two brothers and a host of friends are left to mourn the loss.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 1, 1907.)

Mr. Robert Broshears of near Degonia Springs and Miss Caddy B. Smith, of near Chrisney, were quietly joined in the holy bonds of wedlock at 3:30 p.m. on March 9, 1905 at the Pennington Hotel in this city, the Rev. Karl Kramer officiating.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, March 17, 1905.)

Santa Claus

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schmitt and family of Pine Bluff, Ark., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Martin and family. They will make their future home at Evansville, where Mr. Schmitt has accepted a position with the Grody Manufacturing Co.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 24, 1911.)

County News

Richey Crossing

Grandpa Richey is slowly improving at this time.

Charlie Anderson and family visited Clifford Hammond and family last Sunday.

1850 Spencer County, Indiana Census

Ellis, Allen G. 6M, born IN; Ellis, David W. 4M, born IN; Ellis, James H., 4M, born IN; Ellis, Fielding W., 29M tms, born IN, March 30, 1842; Ellis, Nancy A.P., 26F, born IN, Smith.

Reck, Garrett, 38M, born Gunsmith, N.Y.; Reck, Francis, 20F, born Gunsmith, Ky.

Veatch, James C., 30M, County Officer, born IN, March 2, June 1839; Veatch, Eliza J., 30F, born Kentucky, maiden name Anderson; Veatch, Jno T., 10M, born IN; Veatch, Martha J. 8F, born IN; Veatch, William H., 4M, born IN; Veatch, Mary E., 1F, born IN.

Query

Wayne E. Arnold, 2927 Bryer Ridge Drive, Export, Pa., 15632, is looking for information on the Arnold family. Henry Addison, born in 1854, husband of Christine Sisley, born in 1858; Children: Anna, born 1879 married Albert Williamson; Lewis or Louis, born 1885; Louise, born 1911; Ellis, born 1910; Edward, born 1913; Sheldon, born 1924; second wife, Malinda Avertia Richey, born 1865; Rosco Benedict, Everett Harding.

Trinity

In the history of Spencer county published in 1885 may be found the following paragraphs:

"St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized March 20, 1870 by Rev. P. M. Reidenbach, and among the first members are the families of Lewis Guensler, C. A. Brenner, Phillip Eigenmann, Henry Motteler, Henry Kroeger, W. A. Guenther, C. P. Brenner, J. H. Krieger, J. L. Franck, J. B. Olsch and others. Other early members were the families of Jacob Brenner, George Olsch, Jacob Eigenmann, Leonard Franck, Gabriel Renner, Henry Biedenkopf, John Hittner, Henry Roetzel, Klaus Filster, Christian Pfeiffer, William Richardson, William Jacobs, Henry Kramer and others.

"In 1872 the society commenced to raise funds by subscription to build a church, and soon had enough and that year the building was begun, but was not finished fully until 1874. It cost in round numbers, $3,000 and is a neat brick structure, with steeple and bell. Rev. Reidenbach was first pastor, but after him was a hiatus until 1874 when Rev. William Schenk took charge, continuing three years, and after another lapse, Rev. Valentine Ziemer became pastor for one year. Then there was another lapse, and in 1881 the present pastor, Rev. Karl Weigmann, assumed control. The present membership is about twenty families. The lots for the church cost $175 with a small strip donated."

The building which first housed the St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran church is now used as a school building for the Negro children of Rockport.

The residence just south of the school was the parsonage for German Lutheran pastors and is still being used today as a private home.

It was on October 9, 1896 that a group of members of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church of Rockport, Indiana, met with Postmaster Charles Leib in the post office at 215 Main street for the purpose of organizing a new Lutheran congregation.

St. John's services were held in the German language and because the younger generation could speak no German and because many of the older members were unable, to understand or take part in the service, a movement for a new congregation was started which ultimately developed into what is now Trinity Lutheran church.

The new congregation, under the guidance of Rev. C. L. Kuhlman, was received into Olive Branch Synod at its annual convention held in Nashville, Tenn., October 21 to 26, 1896.

Rev. Kuhlman was, at that time, pastor of the Grandview Lutheran church and traveled back and forth between Grandview and Rockport by means of the river packet to administer to the needs of the new congregation. At the time Trinity church was received into the Synod, it was considered as one charge with the Grandview church.

Forty-five members made up the first congregation and because there was not yet a house of worship of their own the Christian church was rented and services were held there.

Charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lieb, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Weiss, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Rimstidt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoch, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Kehrer, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Vogel, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Krueger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. John Hitner, F. W. Krieger, Miss Mollie Krieger, Mrs. Eva Monr, Mrs. E. J. Fella, Mrs. T. Stuteville, Mrs. Carrie Burkhart, Mrs. P. Powers, Mrs. C. B. Vogel, Miss Anna Mohr, Miss Lizzie Mohr, Miss Minnie Hitner, Miss Eva Lieb, Miss Kate Kramer, Miss Helen Kramer, Miss Mary Vogel, Miss Carrie Krueger, Miss Maggie Vogel, Miss Anna Vogel, Karl Kramer, Walter Weiss, John Kehrer, Carrie Kehrer and George Kehrer.

Charles Lieb, Conrad Kehrer and L. F. Weiss were the first elders of the new congregation and Henry Kramer, J. G. Rimstidt and Henry Hoch, the first deacons. There were also three alternate members of the council, William J. Bretz, W. W. Kellams and Cull Hamilton.

It was recorded that on October 11, 1896 the church collection was $1.35. The total collection for the first four months of the new year was $36.13 of which disbursements in the amount of $4.30 were made. This report was made by the treasurer, J. G. Rimstidt.

The first child to be baptized from the new congregation was Lillian Frances Mohr, daughter, of Frank and Rosa Mohr. This was on December 6, 1896. The first wedding recorded was that of George Cramm of Kansas and Minnie Frey of Rockport on December 12, 1896, and Mrs. John Hitner was the first member to be taken way by death. She died Sept. 7, 1897 at the age of 68 years.

Realizing that a place of worship must be forthcoming, a lot was purchased on Elm street and in the spring of 1897, the cornerstone for the new church edifice was laid. On November 21, 1897, a new church home and house of worship was dedicated to the glory of God.

The lectern, baptismal font and pulpit, made of quartered oak, highly polished, designed and made by the Charles Lieb Chair Mfg., Co., and donated by Mr. Lieb and his associate, L. F. Weiss, were placed in the church at the time of its dedication.

Rev. Kuhlman, who had worked so diligently and had devoted so much of his time to the work of the parish, resigned in May 1898 and was succeeded by Rev. W. L. Guard, who assumed the duties of the parish on July 17, 1898.

Fire in 1892 had destroyed the old parsonage located in Grandview and so on November 24, 1900, ground was broken for a new parsonage next door to the Rockport church.

Rev. Guard resigned on October 19, 1902.

Rev. Charles H. Armstrong accepted a call to the parish on December 15, 1902. He resigned on August 7, 1904 and Karl W. Kramer, the first and only member of Trinity Lutheran church to enter the ministry, was called as supply pastor and served from April 2, 1905 to August 31, 1905. He entered divinity school in 1907 and was later ordained a Lutheran minister.

Rev. William Hoffman was pastor from Sept. 1, 1905 to May 31, 1906.

It was during the pastorate of Rev. L. W. Gross, August 1, 1907 to May 23, 1909, that the council, on November 23, 1907, voted $100 in payment of the bell in the steeple. It weighed 1100 lbs. and was equipped for tolling. It was purchased in Cincinnati, Ohio. A new carpet was laid, in 1908, at a cost of over $100.

It was also in 1907 that the new concrete walk was laid and payed for with money left to the church by one of the charter members, Miss Anna Brenner, at her death.

William Simpers, a contractor for concrete work, laid the walks and as a contribution to the church, donated the concrete steps.

A brass plate at the foot of the steps bears the inscription, In Memoriam, Miss Anna Brenner, 1850-1907.

Rev. J. H. Diehl succeeded Rev. Hoffman on August 11, 1909 and during his long stay here many changes and improvements were made in the church and to the grounds.

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Brown moves to Rockport

Sixty Years Ago

Sixty years ago last Thursday, our old friend Oliver R. Brown, took up his residence in Spencer County. At that time (1817) Rockport had just been "laid off" as they say out west, and now where neat business houses, and elegant residences, stand marking the strides progress, wild game abounded in profusion, O'd Uncle Oliver, relates many amusing and instructive incidents connected with early settlement of the country, by that generations of hardy pionerrs which has long since passed into the grave. Mr. Brown is over 67 years old, and is in the perfect enjoyment of all his faculties. Besides all this, he is an unterrified unwashed undaunted democrat, having cast his first presidential ballot for Martin Van Buren and his last for Sam'l J. Tildon. At this time, Mr. Brown, represents the 4th ward in the Town Council having defeated John Basye the popular druggist, 81 majority. The boys stick to the old gentleman and there is no doubt about his being returned the seat he now holds next year.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Saturday, November 30, 1878)

Laid to rest

The remains of Capt. W.H. Sargent, who died at Fordsville, Kentucky, last Thursday morning, were brought to Rockport Friday and funeral services were held at the residence of his son, Allen, that afternoon. Rev. R/.R. Bryan conducted the services, which were under the auspices o Spencer Lodge, No: 140, I.O.O.F., of which deceased was a member for many years. Interment was made in Rockport Cemetery.

Besides his son in this city, Capt. Sargent left in his immediate family, widow and two sons, Will and Yandell, living in Fordsville, two daughters, Mrs. Cecil Camp, of Habit, Daviess County, Kentucky, and Mrs. Lida Bean, of Dundee, Ohio County, Kentucky.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, March 17, 1905)

From Our Exchanges

(Taken from the *Rockport Journal*)

The curiosity of our town was somewhat excited Tuesday by an outfit coming up Main street, ringing a bell and bearing streamers inscribed "First Train From Chatanooga" The outfit consisted of a buge sleigh, of which the passenger department was constructed from frame work of a boat and well filled with rye straw. The aggregation was drawn by a fine team of horses covered with many noisy sleighbells. The Marshall summoned a posse of deputies, followed the "train" to Wright's Livery Stable and found that the peculiar looking craft hailed from Grandview, "Conducted" by George Ryan and "Broke" by John Lanman. Messrs. Gus Eiceman, Joe Myler, Robt. Stewart, M.F. Underhill, Wm. Biedenkopf and Mr. Bunner were passengers. They took in the town in great shape, the "train" returning to Grandview in the evening.

(Taken from the Dale Weekly Reporter, January 25, 1895)

Weddings

Parker--Held

Harold Held, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Held and Miss Helen Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker, were married Wednesday of last week by Rev. Rogers, Pastor of the Newtonville M.E. Church. They were given a charivari and shower at the home of the bride's parents Monday night and many beautiful and useful presents received.

(Taken from the Grandview Monitor, May 13, 1937)

Johny Fella was down in the neighborhood of Lake Mills last Sunday. He reports some "powerful good-looking" girls down in that settlement.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Thursday, November 12, 1885)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Adye dies at home

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Mrs. Mary L. Laird of this city has a copy of one of the first newspapers published in this city, *The Rockport Gazette,* of date, Oct. 5, 1837. It contains the obituary of Mrs. Laird's mother, Mrs. Anna Maria Lodwick. The paper is a four-column folio and states "we have enlarged our paper one-third this week." Among the advertisements is one of William McKinney's blacksmith shop, situated "one square north of Washington Hall and near Upper Steamboat Landing."

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 5, 1897.)

Obituary

Mrs. Alppha Adye

Mrs. Clarence H. Adye died at her home in St. Meinrad Tuesday night at the age of 60 years, 4 months and 6 days. She has been brought to the home of her son, Wallace, yesterday morning and will be buried in the New Hope Baptist Cemetery this afternoon, following services at 2 o'clock. She is survived by two sons, Wallace and Aner, the husband, one sister, Mrs. R.F. Hurst, and one brother, Oliver Levi.

The family of August Schulte, living three miles north of Rockport, was visited by hijackers early Saturday morning, according to the *Evansville Courier*. The men asked for whiskey and when it was not found, took the Schulte auto, which was later found near Cypress Beach.

(Taken from the Grandview Monitor, Thursday, Aug. 20, 1931.)

Artistic work

The venerable Mother Benedicta, Superioress of St. Bernard's Academy, is prepared to give full and careful instruction in fine needle work, embroidery, etc., Tuesday evening and all day Saturday of each week will be devoted to instructing ladies in these delicate arts. For full particulars, call at the Sisters' home.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Saturday, Dec. 1, 1877.)

Died...at his residence in Clay Township on Tuesday morning about 4 o'clock, Gus Grader, of typhoid fever. He was born in Wurttemberg, Germany; having only been in this country about three years at the time of his death. He was 22 years of age and leaves a mother and sister.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Dec. 17, 1885.)

Enterprise

It is reported that the remains of the late William Mattingly and others of the family buried in the old church yard are to be removed to the Catholic burial ground at Yankeetown, and the church from whence they are removed is to be converted into a dwelling house.

The Rev. Leonard Parker, one of old Luce Township's sons, is now stationed at Wilmington, Los Angelos County, California. The boys are scattered west, south and east and are doing well and are happy.

(Taken from Rockport Sentinel, July 25, 1883.)

Query

Robert T. Hudspeth, 14645 Los Fuentes, La Mirada, Calif. 90638 would like to know if there is any way to obtain a copy of the paper, *Life of James Gentry,* written by Helen Rhodes in May 1922. Robert is the second great-grandson of James Gentry.

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Wallace Milling Co. was burglarized last Friday

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Safe cracked

Burglars make another raid on Dale

About 3 o'clock last Friday morning burglars were discovered in the office of the Wallace Milling Co. at this place. The party who discovered them at work quietly aroused a few neighbors near the mill. The men cautiously approached to within 150 feet of the office and paused to survey the surroundings. They saw one of the burglars just outside of the door and heard the others at work. One of the three started to a neighbor's for a gun, but just at that moment an explosion occurred in the office and the men made a rush to capture the thieves, but the latter ran and in the darkness of the night made good their escape. An examination disclosed the fact that they had demolished the outside door of the safe, but had failed to reach the inner door or the money contained in the safe, which was something over $600.

Later in the morning Mr. G. Eberhardt on opening up his hardware store found they had first visited him. They had managed to unlock his safe and rifle it. They secured from this safe $15 in the way of money, a $36 pension check and two township orders amounting to $60. Late in the day he found the pension check and the township orders hid away under a goods box, however, and only the $15. Some pocket knives and probably a few other things did they carry away.

The sheriff of Warrick County was wired and he brought up on the two o'clock train two bloodhounds and an effort was made to trail them. The dogs struck the trail and for a time it seemed they might follow it successfully, but for some cause not well understood they lost it and the scheme failed. Could the dogs have been secured by the morning train, it is believed they could have followed the successfully.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Friday, Dec. 25, 1896.)

County News

Santa Claus

Mrs. Julia Hacker died at her home at Santa Claus, Aug. 10, 1911 at the age of 72 years, 18 months and 10 days. She was born at Hanover, Germany. She leaves surviving her one son, William Hacker of Evansville, Ind.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Newman of Ridgeway, Ill.; also 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The Rev. Schoettle of Clay City, Ind., conducted the funeral services.

Chrisney

Mrs. Coultas, Leora Hilt, Mr. Sutton and George Carey are attending the Teacher's Institute at Rockport this week.

St. Meinrad

Last Sunday Peter May was surprised by his friends in honor of his 40th birthday. The time pleasantly spent in games and conversation and there was plenty of good music. There was an abundance of good things to eat. Late in the evening the guests departed expressing the wish that Mr. May may live another 40 years and then some.

Those who enjoyed the celebration were Messrs and Mesdames Thomas Fetter, William Fetter, Vincent Rickleman, Herman Vaal, Alois Vaal, August Vaal, Victor Fleischman, Frank Koernerding, Joseph Sergesketter, Henry Vaal, Joseph Nemer, Conrad Lampert, Misses Mary Fetter, Rosa Fetter, Tresia Lampert, Katy Lampert, Katy Koernerding, Mary Mueller, Maggie Speckner, Joseph F. Vaal, Anton Reckleman, August Vaal Jr., Joe Fetter, Joe Fendel, Albert Fendel, Joe Meulier, Roman Muelier, Joe Speckner, Joseph Koernerding, Alber Lampert, Hubert Lampert, John Schaefer, Jac Dotterweich and John Specker Sr.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Aug. 18, 1911.)

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Eclipse of the sun to be seen

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Sun Eclipse

A total eclipse of the sun will be seen on Sept. 10, beginning about 4:40.

This is the first eclipse of the sun visible in North America in 54 years. During the previous eclipse which occurred about 4 p.m. the sunlight was completely obscured and it became as dark as midnight, the stars coming out brightly. As the eclipse passed away, the stars gradually grew dim, until they could no longer be seen.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Sept. 7, 1923.)

Married

Married, Wednesday evening, Feb. 24, Mr. Thomas Boyd and Miss Clara Griepenstroh. The bride dressed in sky blue and the groom in the usual black, left the home of the bride's parents about 5 o'clock and drove quietly to the residence of the Rev. Jacobs and were then and there made one. The bride is the daughter of William Griepenstroh, one of Luce Township's farmers, and the groom is the son of H.P. Boyd, a prominent farmer and stock dealer of the county. May their lives be as smooth and sweet as the music furnished by the strong band which serenaded them that night.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, March 5, 1897.)

Southern Indiana Notes

Thomas H. Axton, county commissioner, was married to Miss Anna Dawson at Rockport last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fella, Monday, Feb. 24, 1907, a girl. Mrs. Fella formerly lived in Dale.

The safe in the Oaktown Post Office was blown open by robbers Tuesday night. Lynnville bloodhounds were secured to track the men.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, march 1, 1907.)

Birthday Dinner

At the residence of Mr. Josephus Cissna, on Thursday of last, was given a dinner in honor of Mr. Josephus Cissna and his twin sister, Mrs. Josephine Ice, that being their 48th birthday. The dinner was a surprise to Mr. Cissna, who in the morning, went to work on the back part of the farm cutting briars. He did not notice the relatives driving up. The bell was rung and when he came to the house found the guests all present and preparing an elegant dinner. Mr. Cissna and Mrs. Ice received several nice presents. In the evening the guests departed wishing them many returns of the day.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 10, 1893.)

Query

Yvonne Johnson of 5012 17th Avenue South, Gulfport, Fla., 33707, is seeking information on the family of William Johnson born in Ohio who married Sarah Hendershot born in Indiana. They had a son, James M., born March 9, 1857, who married Rhonda A. Martin (third wife) in Oakland City, Ind., March 9, 1892. James is believed to have died July 4, 1917 in North Dakota. James and Rhonda had five children, Virgil, William, Roy, Ray and Thelma.

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Davis Enlow remembers seeing Lincoln

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Remembers seeing Abraham Lincoln

Davis Enlow, a veteran of the 65th Indiana Regiment in the Civil War, was in the city one day last week. He lives near Lincoln City and remembers seeing the old log cabin in which the Lincoln family lived during their residence in Spencer County. He is also one of the few men living in Spencer County who saw Mr. Lincoln. Mr. Enlow saw him in Washington, near the close of the war.

Mr. Enlow is a member of one of the pioneer families of Southern Indiana. His grandfather (Enlow) was the first settler of the town of Jasper and donated 80 acres of land for the town site. He also built a watermill there which is still run by water power part of the time--the Eckert Mill. It is operated about nine months of the year, Mr. Enlow says by water power and the remainder of the time by steam power.

In the pioneer days watermills were numerous in Southern Indiana. But the one at Jasper is perhaps the only one of them that is now equipped with water power.

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, Friday, May 4, 1923.)

Obituary

Died--on the 5th inst., of consumption, in the 21st year of her age, Mrs. Barbara Hazen, consort of Mr. Robert S. Hazen, merchant of this place.

Thus has been snatched from our midst, one who was universally respected for the mild virtues of her character, naturally amiable in her disposition; she had sought and obtained the purifying influence of the Holy Spirit upon her heart. Death had been robbed of his power to terrify her by the indwelling of Christ, in her soul. "Blessed are the dead, that die in the Lord."

"Calm on the bosom of thy God,
Fair spirit rest thee now;
E'n while with us they footsteps trod,
His seal was on thy brow.

Dust to its sorrow house beneath,
Soul to its place on high;
Those who have seen thy look look in death.
No more will fear to die."

(Taken from The Planter, Saturday, Dec. 8, 1849.)

Relatives received word of the death of Bennie Sallee which occurred at his home on Broken Arrow, Okla. He is survived by his wife and children, Ed and Barney of Oklahoma, and his mother, Mrs. Belle Sallee, and brother, James of Rockport, and one sister, Mrs. Wayne Freshley who resides in Evansville. One son, Thornton, resides near Rockport.

The will of Agnes Meiring has been probated. All real estate and personal property is willed to her son, Henry, he to pay all debts, and afterwards, he shall pay Anton Meiring $50 and William Meiring $150, within one year from her death. The will is dated Dec. 27, 1922. Witnessed by John Denning and John Greulich.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Friday, Feb. 9, 1923.)

Mt. Moriah

A delightful birthday dinner was given at the home of Erastus Ayer last Sunday in honor of the birthday of Mrs. Lanie Ayer, who passed her 80th milestone that day. Sixty-five relatives and friends were present and partook of an excellent dinner and spent a most enjoyable day. Among those present from a distance were John Stocking and wife of Evansville, Bert Burkhart and family of Buffaloville, Ed Ayer and wife of Grandview, the Rev. John Bunner of Newtonville and the Rev. Settle of Chrisney.

There were six ladies present, all of whom have passed the three-score year and ten mark. They were Mrs. Mackey of Chrisney, who is 80 years old; Mrs. Laura Burkhart, 76 years; Mrs. Phoeba Pierson, 73 years; Mrs. Matilda Ayer, 60 years; Mrs. Amanda Bays, 72 years; and Mrs. Lanie Ayer, 80 years.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 24, 1911.)

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Emerson's Floating Palace comes to Rockport

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Emerson's big boat here Monday

Emerson's Floating Palace, the largest and most up-to-date show boat on the rivers, will exhibit in our city Monday, May 10, offering as their attraction the big New York scenic production, "The Woman Question," with 25 of the most capable actors and actresses ever on the river in the cast.

The scenery, costumes and electrical effects came direct from New York and is the most expensive production ever out with a traveling company. Five acts of the finest Vaudeville, illustrated songs and moving pictures will be introduced during action on the play, making two shows for one price of admission.

Mr. Emerson is carrying an 18-piece band and has 11 in the orchestra, so be sure and see the big street parade; also will be looking for you at night to hear that fine orchestra.

(Taken from the Rockport Journal, May 7, 1909.)

Calvin Rasor dies

Calvin Rasor died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lou Hall, four miles north of this city, last Wednesday morning. Mr. Rasor was one of the pioneers of Spencer County, having been born in the wilderness, of more than 90 years ago.

For several years Mr. Rasor has been failing in health. His death was due to old age and hardening of the arteries. Mr. Rasor had spent his more than 90 years in the vicinity where he died, being born within sight of his home. The funeral will be held at his home at one o'clock Friday (today) and burial will be in Hackleman Graveyard.

Mr. Rasor is survived by two sons, Seymour, whose home is in Kentucky, and Bert of this county, and one daughter, Mrs. Allen Hall, who lives on the old homestead where Mr. Rasor kept his home. His age was 90 years, 3 months and 21 days.

Mr. Rasor's father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother in North Carolina and they came to this county in 1818, the Rasor family being one of the first to settle in Spencer County.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 1, 1918.)

Married

At the residence of F.M. Cooper Sunday, Oct. 4, 1885, Mr. D.J. Smith to Miss Sarah Ayer, both of this place. But few were invited. No cake. But we wish Mr. and Mrs. Smith many days of happiness and hope that their pathway through life may be strewn with flowers.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Oct. 8, 1885.)

Auto accident near Newtonville.

On Friday afternoon of last week an auto driven by Miss Beulah Rumpel of Newtonville went into a ditch three feet deep at the road side near Chrisney. The accident was the result of a broken axle which rendered the machine unmanageable. In the machine were the Rev. and Mrs. M.C. Pattee of Chrisney, Misses Beulah and Hilda Rempel and Welker Webb of Newtonville. None of the occupants of the auto were seriously hurt although the Rev. Pattee was quite painfully bruised. The machine was running moderate speed, otherwise the accident would no doubt have been serious.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Sept. 22, 1916.)

Query

James R. McCoy of 444 Bristol Street, Cambria, Calif. 93428, is seeking information on the McCoy family: how and where they came from in Ireland.

Clark was born in 1830 and was the son of James, born 1802, who was the son of William, who is a Revolutionary War soldier from Spencer County.

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Lamar Creamery sells more than 40,000 pounds of butter

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Lamar Creamery flourishing
Over 40,000 pounds of butter sold last year

Through the kindness of Dixon Pennington, Secretary of the Lamar Creamery Association, we are enabled to give the figures to the creamery's business in 1908 which show it to be doing fine.

Pounds of milk received 721,319; pounds of cream received 18,297; pounds of butter made 42,460; net price per pound 25¢; gross earnings for 1980 $10,106.66; expenses $1,722.54; paid to patrons $8,386.12; amount in sinking fund $424; amount in general fund $745.81; total in the two funds $1,169.81; stockholder's dividend deducted $354; balance in treasury Jan. 1, 1908, $815.81.

The officers and directors are Wolf Held, president; Fred Kanzler, vice president; A.C. Ferguson, treasurer; Dixon Pennington, secretary; Mike Scherle, A.W. Minor, W.J. Gabbert, directors. J.T. Dike is the butter-maker. Once every month he sends a sample of the butter to Purdue for scoring. Last month it scored 96 percent.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 30, 1909.)

C.C. Brown

Calbourn C. Brown, whose death from paralysis was noted in our last issue, was born in Daviess County, Ky., June 25th, 1825, and came to Indiana in 1842, since which time has been a citizen of Spencer County--living for several years near Rockport but for probably 50 years in the immediate vicinity of Dale.

He was married Nov. 25th, 1852 to Susannah K. Turnham, whom he leaves an aged widow to mourn his death. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church about 40 years ago, and he died as one fully prepared for the journey to a better world.

Mr. Brown was noted for his sturdy honesty and high integrity, and was held in held esteem by all who knew him. He enjoyed an extensive acquaintance throughout the county and had many warm friends, all of whom will be pained to hear of his demise.

The funeral of the deceased took place at 10 o'clock Sunday and was largely attended. The Rev. John Royer preached a funeral discourse at the M.E. Church, after which the remains were tenderly consigned to the tomb in the Dale Cemetery.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Recorder, Friday, Dec. 20, 1895.)

Grandview

Grandview merchants sold their last pound of sugar Saturday. One after another they have divided out their stocks and W.H. Biedenkopf had a small quantity longer than any other merchant. When he learned he had the only stock in town he refused to sell more than a pound to a customer.

Fortunate are those who have a supply of molasses, syrup or sorghum. There is a great likelihood that more sorghum will be planted in this section next spring than is usual. The apparent scarcity and high price are both factors to favor liberal planting. An additional supply of sugar arrived Tuesday.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Thursday, Dec. 6, 1917.)

A new trade

Capt. John R. Dougherty, proprietor of the ferry, says he is satisfied that at last calculation 600 wagon loads of tobacco, will cross over from Kentucky and be sold to our dealers. The captain has arranged cheap rates of ferriage.

Our Kentucky friends would do well if they were to bring all of their tobacco to this market. Prices paid here are as high as in Owensboro, and distance is but a trifle. Besides this they can purchase goods of our merchants as cheap as in Owensboro or any other town and not subjected to long travel of 10, 12 and 15 miles. We invite our Kentucky neighbors come and examine for themselves.

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St. Marks Spans 100 Years And Together With Trinity Forms Parish

Trees on the lawn, furnished by W. W. Kellams in 1909 and 1910, were set out and an individual communion service was presented by the church council on April 7, 1912. The council at that time was composed of Charles Lieb, Henry Hoch, S. H. Jennings, J. G. Rimstidt, W. W. Kellams and Dr. H. G. Weiss. Offering plates were presented by the pastor and his wife on the same date.

For several years during the pastorate of Rev. Diehl, he was also superintendent of the Rockoprt city school. He resigned on June 1, 1923.

The congregation was without a pastor from June 1923 until May 11, 1924, when Rev. Edward A. Voorhees came to serve as supply pastor. He stayed until Sept. 1, 1924. Rev. L. W. Nordsick came in 1925 and stayed until March 1, 1926.

Rev. W. Rufus Rings was the next pastor to serve Trinity-Grandview parish. He came in June 1926.

It was during his pastorate that the street in front of the church was curbed and a new electric sign was installed on the church lawn.

Rev. Rings resigned on November 27, 1927 and on May 1, 1928 Rev. W. F. Wallace took charge of the parish and served until May 31, 1929.

Rev. Earl H. Courter answered a call from the congregation on July 1, 1931, and during his stay here a new altar was blessed to the worship of Almighty God on April 30, 1933, and on August 6, through the gift of L. F. Weiss, a new basement or church school auditorium was dedicated.

A brass plate with the following inscription may be found at the front entrance to the lower auditorium: This Sunday School Room was presented to The Trinity Lutheran Church August 6, 1933, By L. F. Weiss.

A stone set in the wall is inscribed: In Memory of the Boyhood Days of Walter J. Weiss, 5-10-1882; 4-5-1933.

Rev. Wilbur M. Allen assumed the pastorate here on April 1, 1935.

On January 6, 1936 a thousand dollars was left to the church in trust by Rev. Karl W. Kramer at his death. His mother, Mrs. Katherine Kramer, had previously set up a five hundred dollar trust fund. Both trusts are in effect today and will continue to be as as long as Trinity Lutheran congregation exists.

On May 12, 1940, a new Wicks pipe organ, also the gift of L. F. Weiss, was presented to the congregation in memory of Mrs. Weiss, and dedicated at the regular morning worship service.

The inscription on the placque reads:

In Memory of Mrs. Caroline Weiss, 3-20-1851; 4-5-1936.

Rev. Allen resigned on December 1, 1941.

After three months without a pastor, Rev. Eugene A. DeJerus answered the call of the congregation on March 1, 1942 and remained here until July 16, 1945.

While here, he directed considerable repair work on the parsonage and church buildings including the straightening and releading of the large art-glass church windows.

Rev. L. K. Urlaub was pastor from April 6, 1947 until Feb. 19, 1948.

After Rev. Urlaub, came Richard C. Recker, a student of Theology, who served as supply pastor during the summer of 1948.

For three difficult years, the two congregations of the parish struggled with stubborn determination to hold their members together without a pastor to lead them. Sunday school classes were conducted every Sunday and worship services were held whenever possible until on November 15, 1951, the faith and prayers of the members were rewarded by the acceptance of a call made to Rev. Lewis C. Westenbarger, then serving a church in Indiaanpolis.

Rev. Westenbarger resigned in May 1954 and was replaced by Rev. Irl C. Schahrer, the present pastor.

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JAN 17, 1991

Lady missing for over 40 years

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(Concerning a lady who mysteriusly disappeared from Rockport over 0 years ago.)

Massillion, Ohio, Oct. 8, 1897

Mr. Editor: Some 40 years ago, hen I was a child, I lived in your wn, close to the bank of the river with family by the name of Bacon, two old eople. My father's name was Weir, nd while living there had a sister to isappear from home whom we have ever heard from since. We moved way shortly after her disappearance, nd I have often wondered since I ave grown older whether she is alive r whether she ever came back to ockport after we left.

I thought there might be some one ving in your town that would emember the circumstances, as there as quite an excitement about it at the ime. Father hired men to go in ifferent directions to hunt for her nd had the river dragged, but no race of her could be found. It was eported that she went off with a man hose name I can not remember, but hink he was a tinner by trade. What I ant is for you to insert an ad in your aper stating to the people of Rockport hat any information concerning her whereabouts would be a great favor.

Mrs. W.J. Jones
22 George
St. Massillion, Ohio

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 15, 1897.)

Wills probated

The last will and testament of John Ravens, recently deceased, of Clay Township, was recorded and probated at the courthouse last Friday. After all just debts and funeral expenses are paid, the remainder of his estate, personal and real of every description, is bequeathed to his wife, Wilhelmenia Ravens, who is also made executrix. The will was made, signed and sealed in the presence of Frank Kincaid and Elizabeth Keigel as witnesses in the 18th day of January, 1909.

The last will and testament of Hannah J. Voiles of Luce Township was made on the 6th day of June, 1916, and was witnessed by Mary C. Redman and Henry Erwin. It was probated the latter part of last week. Mrs. Voiles bequeathed all of her real and personal property to Alma Cummings Voiles, a girl who had lived with her since 1892. A stipulation was appended by which the said girl agreed to live with the deceased and care for her until the time of her death. The girl is to pay all just debts and funeral expenses out of the estate.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Aug. 25, 1916.)

Installs motors

The Chrisney Planning Mill, owned and operated by J. Fred Bergman, was running Wednesday afternoon for the first time without the use of the steam engine and boilers.

The engine has been replaced by two motors, one five-horse power and one ten-horse power, which makes the plant one of the most modern of its kind in Southern Indiana.

The fact that Chrisney has a 24-hour light and power service, an unusual convenience for a town of this size, makes possible such modern appliances.

Mr. Bergman is to be congratulated upon the improvements.

Cross Roads

Mrs. Mary McCullough and Mrs. Wyoma Bowen and children attended the birthday dinner which was given in honor of Mrs. Will Burns at their home near Rock Hill Sunday.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Sept. 7, 1923.)

Query

Mary Harris of Fillmore Drive, Apartment A, Buena Park, Calif. 90620, is trying to contact the daughter and or daughters of Agnes Friel Morris who are believed to have come to the Rockport area from Cloverport, Ky.

She doesn't know their married names or their ages but believes them to be in their late 50s or early 60s, and would like to exchange Friel family history information with them.

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Jim Smith catches rare fish

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Unusual fish

Jim Smith, a fisherman at the lower levee, caught a fish of the cat species the other day that would puzzle the genius of Darwin to account for its remarkable characteristics. Its sides were thickly dotted with large deep black spots, the head was black, the membrane lining of the mouth exceedingly black. Now will some wise acre account for this "monstrosity" of the Finny tribe?

(Taken from The Rockport Democrat, Saturday, June 9, 1877.)

Obituary

Hiley-Eda Hiley, nee Hinton, died at the residence of her son, John Hiley in Gentryville, on the 31st day of January, 1876, at the advanced age of 78 years.

Eda Hiley was born in Breckinridge County, Ky., Feb. 7, 1798. She emigrated in her early youth to Perry County, this state with her family, and at the age of 19, joined the United Baptist Church, and was a consistent member of that church until she removed to Gentryville, and there being no Baptist church at that place, she united with the Christian Church, Oct. 28, 1866, of which she was an exemplary member up to the date of her death.

She was married to Abraham Hiley, of Perry County, March 20, 1822, with whom she lived until his death, which occurred June 13, 1863, from which time she lived with her son, John Hiley, up to the time of her death.

During her sickness, which was protracted, she satisfied her children, and a large number of friends who visited her during her last hours, that she was happy, and prepared to go to her home. A short time before she expired she clapped her hands exclaiming happy, happy, happy, and as the last breaths were leaving her body, her lips were observed to move, though her voice was gone, she raised her hands heavenward, indicating her happiness in the prospect of soon being admitted to her long hope for home. May we all so live that when our time comes to depart this life we may be able to leave the same testimony that this good woman left, that "we have a home, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

(Taken from The Rockport Democrat, Saturday, Feb. 26, 1876.)

Sawmill burned

Last Friday night about midnight, the sawmill, which T.J. Fay, of this city, has been running near midway for several months, was discovered to be on fire, and before the flames were put out, nearly $200 damage was done. It is thought a spark from an engine caught in the sawdust and caused the fire. Mr. Fay will have the mill running again in a few days.

Marriage licenses

Jacob Weaver to Anna Jacub, David A. Montgomery to Minnie B.P. Simmons, George A. Ryan to Mary L. Young, William T. Kellams to Myrtle Stuteville, Oven Chinn to Lura Ller, James F. Lanman to Ethel Walashanki, C.B. Craycroft to Minuie L. Curtis.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, Oct. 2, 1903.)

From our exchange

"From the Rockport Journal"

Six packs of wheat were stolen from Bob Lang, of Luce Township, Tuesday night. He and two of his neighbors tracked the sleigh to near Grandview, where it was overtaken and the driver, John Holland, arrested and placed in the county jail. John Saucer was with him, but escaped arrest. The officers visited his home near Silverdale last night, but failed to find him.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Friday, Jan. 25, 1895.)

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JAN 31, 199[illegible]

Veatch residence to be used for orphans' home

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Spencer County Orphans' Home

The residence of the late Gen. J.C. Veatch, just west of the city, to be used for that purpose.

After viewing all the places offered about town suitable for an orphans' home, the board of commissioners of Spencer County finally decided upon the resident of the late Gen. Veatch, just west of the city, paying $3,000 for same.

The selection is one of the best that could have been made. The tract contains 11 or 12 acres of land, has a good orchard and plenty of small fruits and sufficient ground for gardening, cow pasture, etc. The location is a healthy one, high and rolling and convenient to schools, churches, etc. The property is well worth $4,000, but will cost the county $2,000, as the town of Rockport donated $1,000 to the purchase money. When properly fitted up, it will make an orphans' home that will be a credit to Spencer County.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 1, 1897.)

Henry B. Kemp

Henry B. Kemp, better known in this community by the name Benny Kemp, died Sunday evening at 8 o'clock of consumption, at the home of his brother, Albert Kemp, at this place. He had been failing for two years, and for the past few months had failed rapidly, though he was able to be up most of the time. He sat in a chair up to within a few minutes of the last breath. Benny was a young man of good habits and had many warm friends. It seems hard that he must leave us just in the beginning of manhood. He was 27 years, 10 months and 11 days of age only.

He was buried at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Richardson conducting the funeral services. His mother and brothers and sister and friends have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 3, 1896.)

News

Uncle Michael Spade, of Harrison Township, one of Spencer County's oldest citizens, was in town yesterday. Although Mr. Spayde has passed his three score years, he is yet very spry.

The following letters remain in the post office uncalled for:

Sarah Burch; B.E. Tuley; Nora Kemp; James. E. Glenn; Hamilton Cockriel. Parties calling for said letters will please say "advertised."

J.B. Chrisney, P.M.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 5, 1885.)

Obituary-Herbert L. LaMar

Herbert L. LaMar, a former resident of Grandview, died last Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T.J. McCollum, at Lorton, Va., of heart disease

The funeral was held at the residence of Mrs. McCollum with burial in Phick Cemetery, Virginia.

Besides his wife, Lola, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. T.J. McCollum of Lorton, Va., Mrs. Florence Cartwright of Baltimore, Md., Leon LaMar of Baltimore, Mrs. Paul Ragon of Catonsville, Md., Clifford LaMar of Indianapolis, Harry LaMar of Indianapolis, Mrs. Alice Baker of Indianapolis, Mrs. Clarence Hausenfleck of Evansville, Alfred LaMar of Evansville, Mrs. Anna Sheril of Rockport, and William LaMar of Grandview, Miss Carolyn LaMar, a half-sister of Lorton, Va., and Otto LaMar of Pine Bluff, Ark., and Vernon LaMar, of St. Louis, Mo., half-brothers.

Mr. LaMar was formerly in business here and also served as town marshal, later going to Evansville and then to Virginia after his health failed.

(Taken from The Grandview Monitor, June 25, 1931.)

Query

Mary Harris of 7655 Fillmore Drive, Apt. A, Buena Park, California, 90620, is wanting to correspond with the children of Agnes Friel Morris, (probably in this area).

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Monument of soldiers to be put up

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Spencer County soldiers' monument

The members of the Grand Army Posts, W.R.C. and S. of V. organizations of this county are making arrangements to erect a suitable monument in the public square in this city to the memory of the deceased soldiers of Spencer County.

The board of county commissioners a few years ago donated $100 to that purpose, but nothing further was done in the matter, but we understand the board at its next meeting will be asked to grant privilege of erecting the monument on the courthouse square, and probably for a further donation to the monument fund, the remainder to be raised by private donations. Dubois County donated $5 to the expense of the soldiers' monument.

Being erected at Jasper and Spencer County should not be less patriotic than her neighbor, no county probably furnished more union soldiers in proportion to population than Spencer, and this token of respect to their memory is due.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, May 18, 1894.)

A fatal accident

Boyd Burkhart is instantly killed when the truck he is driving is struck and demolished by a traction car at crossing on State Road 18.

Boyd Burkhart was instantly killed about 2:45 p.m. last Saturday when the oil truck which he was driving was struck by a westbound traction car at the point where the traction line crosses State Road 18, two miles northwest of this city. Mr. Burkhart, who was driving an oil truck of the M&P Contract Company, was traveling north on the Chrisney Road and evidently was in a deep study and for some other cause, which will never be known, failed to heed the warnings and drove onto the track directly in front of the traction car. Wash Washington, who was working a few yards from the crossing, waved his handkerchief and hollered at Burkhart who seemed not to notice.

The motorman, Jesse Axton, blew his whistle and applied his brakes, but the truck was struck with such force that it was completely demolished and carried several yards down the track.

Burkhart's body was directly under the traction car when it was brought to a standstill about 75 yards from the crossing.

Just why Mr. Burkhart drove onto the track will never be known for there is a clear view of the track for a quarter of a mile west and about a mile and a half east.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Aug. 27, 1926.)

Murder will out

Readers of the Democrat will recall to memory the mysterious murder of the wife and son of one Peter Geldricht, a German farmer residing in Huff Township. Eight years have passed away, and no clue to the perpetrators of the horrible deed was discovered until recently, when a man lying upon the point of death confessed that he and another villain were the authors of the crime.

The confessor's name is Joseph Schuh, and his partner, Joseph Donhaur. They were both residents of Troy, Perry County. In our next issue we will lay before our readers a full and complete history of this unprecedented murder.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 17, 1877.)

Rockport Button Works

The best paying factory in Rockport.

This factory puts in circulation for cutting buttons alone from $500 to $600 per week. Under the management of our genial foreman, Bernard Athony, the experienced cutters make from $12 to $17 per week. The tip cutters, under the direction of Estel Miller, make from $9 to $12 per week.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Dec. 17, 1909.)

Query

Grady Ebelhar of 8135 W. 5th Street Road, Owensboro, Ky. 42301, is looking for a photo and or information about a saloon owned or operated by Simon Ebelhar, late 1800s or early 1900s.

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Feb. 14, 1991

Brown and Abbot marry

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County Exchange
From Chrisney

On Dec. 5, 1909, Mr. Edwin E. Brown and Miss Florence Abbot were united in marriage at the beautiful home of the bride's parents in Chrisney, Ind. The ceremony was said in the presence of a few friends and relatives, who had gathered for the occasion. The bride, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Abbot, was one of the leading members of the M.E. Church and has served as organist for that church.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S.A. Brown, who formerly lived at Vincennes, Ind. The bride looked charming in a lovely creation of white cloth trimmed in lace and ribbon. The bridegroom was dressed in black.

Immediately after the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where a supper was spread which was heartily enjoyed by all. The ceremony was said by the Rev. L.T. Taylor, or Chrisney, Ind. The bride and bridegroom left on the evening train to visit friends and relatives in Winslow, Ind. They will soon go to their future home, which has been furnished by the bridegroom in Halbrite, Canada. We wish them a happy journey through life.

Isaac Donham of Illinois, visited his brother, Zack Donham, and family of near Grandview, the latter part of November. This is the first visit back here in 29 years.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Dec. 17, 1909.)

An aged citizen dies

Died, at his residence near Newtonville, Ind., Sept. 19, 1896, Mr. John M. Woodward, aged 87 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Mr. Woodward is one of Spencer County's oldest residents. He was born in the state of New Jersey, Oct. 10, 1808, came to this county in 1841 of which he has been a resident until the day of his death.

The funeral was conducted at the Baptist Church, east of Newtonville, by the Rev. W.G. Lopeman. A large concourse of people attended the funeral.

The remains were interred in the cemetery opposite the church. Mr. W. leaves a wife, 13 children and 25 grandchildren to mourn this loss. He was an earnest and consistent Republican. He took much interest in the present campaign in favor of McKinley and Hobart, looking forward with fondest anticipation to their election and the better times it would produce.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 25, 1896.)

Celebrates 91st birthday

Sunday, Feb. 24, 1935, was another outstanding date in the life of Mr. William Herron, our local harness manufacturer. It marked the 91st anniversary of his birth and also the reunion of all his children. The day was quietly celebrated at his home with his family. He was in remarkably good health for one his age and can be found each day at work in the harness shop, where he has faithfully labored for more than 50 years.

The children present were Mrs. Emma Shrode of Waterloo, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. William B. Herron of Barberton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Herron and daughter, Joan, of Centralia, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Herron of Grandview, and Mr. Paul Maulding of Centralia.

During the afternoon friends of Mr. Herron called to express their good wishes. Among them were Mr. T.C. Bayse, Fred Heuring, John Feigel, L.M. John, Benjamin Huffman, Prof. A.H. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown, all of Rockport, Mrs. Rachel Woods and daughter, Miss Ora, of Evansville.

Relatives and friends that were unable to be present expressed their sentiments with gifts and appropriate greeting cards. Friends of the community extend best wishes for many more pleasant anniversaries for Mr. Herron.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 28, 1935.)

Query

Norma F. Millwee, 4011 Kiva Trail SW, Los Lunas, N.M. 87031 is searching for the parents of Cynthia A. Tharp. Cynthia married Francis M. Schoolfield, Feb. 27, 1856, and later his brother, Thomas Schoolfield, Sept. 16, 1868: Francis and Cynthia's children: Mary Jane Schoolfield-Bufkin, Adaline A. Schoolfield-Clement and George Schoolfield.

Any help will be appreciated.

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Feb. 28, 1991

Local body is found in Arkansas

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Detectives quietly working on case

Relatives here received word of the finding of William Rasor's body in a bayou, one mile north of Harvard, Ark. The telegraph reports that he was found by railway men and that the coroner, who made an investigation stated that his death resulted from a blow on the head, inflicted by a blunt instrument in the hands of some unknown person or persons.

The case is in the hands of authorities there and it is thought by relatives here that the mystery of his death will soon be unraveled.

Mr. Rasor, who was 47 years of age and a son of Calvin Rasor, living near Rockport, departed from Rockport on the evening of December 16 bound for Imboden, Ark., where his family was to locate on a farm. He was in charge of an emigrant car, which contained livestock and other things. From information received here, it is learned that the last seen of Mr. Rasor was at Harvard where at almost 5:30 in the evening he ate a lunch in a restaurant there. He is also known to have been in Memphis, Tenn. When found he had on his person a watch, pistol, knife and $1.30 in money also an unsigned check for $1,000. The first information that was given out about his missing was on Dec. 20. However, his relatives here were not notified of it until on the 28th. While the case is yet shrouded in mystery, it is being quietly worked upon and it is thought that some arrest will soon take place.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Jan. 26, 1912.)

County News From Grandview

Louisa Taylor, one of the oldest citizens on the county, died last Saturday in Rockport, aged 104 years. "Aunt Lou" was a member of the Baptist church for 60 years. She was the mother-in-law of the Rev. George Frields of Rockport.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Friday, Jan. 25, 1895.)

Marriage Licenses

William M. Heuring to Minnie Totten; Anthony Haynes to Emma Johnson; Eddie McCoy to Della Daniel; Henry S. Jewell to Fannie Mansfield.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 3, 1896.)

Libraries

We have no less than three public libraries in this town, of about 1,200 inhabitants. Many choice books are in these libraries, the use of which can be had for the trifling charge of 25 cents a year. No man can be excused on the plea of ignorance in Rockport, for we have three libraries, three schools, two printing offices and seven mail arrivals.

(Taken from The Planter, Saturday, May 6, 1855.)

Married

On Thursday, the 9th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Bratton, Miss Eliza Gentry and Mr. Jack Haines, both of this county.

(Taken from The Advertiser, Thursday, Oct. 15, 1856.)

And now the fuel administrator says we are wasting one-fifth of our coal because we do not know how to control the fire and secure perfect combustion. Heavy thick smoke is a sure sign of imperfect combustion and if we keep the stove, furnace or boiler clean and also the flues and chimney we may save one-fifth of our coal and its cost to purchase, that means we are wasting 10 million dollars a year in Indiana in fuel. The use of wood is advocated.

Captain Horace Shay of Cannelton-Grandview Motor Boat Line, has moved his family to Grandview and are to be found in the Biedenkopf Building. The boat is making only one round trip a day now.

(Taken from The Grandview Monitor, Thursday, Dec. 6, 1917.)

Little Pigeon

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of A.S. Patmore Sunday night at 8 o'clock when Mr. Plenny Ludwig, or near Lincoln City, and Miss Cecelia Patmore were united in marriage by the Rev. Wright. They are highly respected young people of this community and have many friends who will join us in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Thursday, Dec. 27, 1917.)

Query

Vickie Phillips, 140 Hess Road, Bellbrook, Ohio 45305, is looking for a photo of Ausumuf Phillips who was killed June 17, 1864 at Kenesaw Mountain or a photo of Indiana Co. F 53rd Infantry.

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MARCH 7, 19[illegible]

Watch repair bench moved

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(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Silver Smith

Mr. W.J. Fawver has moved his watch repairing bench into Basye's Drug Store and is now prepared to do all kinds of watch, jewelry and silver repairing. Mr. Fawver has been in Rockport a year and a half and has established a reputation as a food workman.

There has been several watch makers and jewelry stands in Basye's Drug Store before. Among the first to have one in Basye's Drug Show show windows was Mr. J.W. Bishop, who was there for about two years. He was followed by Mr. Louis J. Heid, who stayed with Basye about three years, then after a lapse of several years, Mr. Ed Rounds was there for about two years, then after another lapse of several years came Mr. T.C. Winkler who was the last one preceding Dr. Fawver.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 11, 1910.)

Enterprise

Our trappers are catching lots of furs this winter and prices are higher than ever

Some of our dark tobacco raisers are planning to prize their crops of tobacco and will put it on the Louisville markets, the offers from local buyers not being high enough to suit them.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Dec. 17, 1909.)

The Rockport Canning Company has been successful in getting farmers to contract for raising tomatoes this season. The company would like to have about 25 more acres signed for. Louis Schonfield is securing the contracts.

Dietrich Kluseman, aged 84 years, walked from his home in Hammond Township to this city Monday and returned the same way, a trip of about 25 miles.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, March 17, 1905.)

Married

On Tuesday, the 8th Inst., by the Rev. Mr. Bratton, Miss Lizzie Thomas and Fernando Waugh, both of this city.

(Taken from The Advertiser, Thursday, Oct. 8, 1856.)

Obituary

Perry Alfred Hammond, eldest son of John and Sarah Ray Hammond, was born at Sandy Creek Landing May 26, 1834, and received such schooling as was available in that period. About the year 1856 he married Nancy Webb and to them were born five children: John, Robert, Stephen, Frank and Louisa. Louisa lived nearly a year and died within an hour of her mother on Sept. 8, 1869. He then married Rebecca Shrode in April 1875 and she died Aug. 27, 1929. Stephen, the only child living.

He enlisted in Company K, Fourth Indiana Calvary, and was the last member of the company in this county to make the last answer to "Taps."

He died Thursday morning, Feb. 19, 1931, age 96 years, 9 months and 23 days and removes from our community the last intimate tie with the pioneer period.

Funeral services were held at the late residence Friday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Arthur Brinklow and Col. J.S. Wright, age 98; and burial followed in Grandview Cemetery.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 26, 1931.)

A private letter from Paul Kramer, to his home folks, states that he is located in Arkansas and is improving in health and well satisfied with his new home. *The Sun* wishes him success.

(Taken from The Chrisney Sun, Dec. 17, 1885.)

Davis-Egnew
Marriage of Mr. C.E. Davis
and Miss Emma Egnew

Mr. C.E. Davis and Miss Emma Egnew were married at the residence of N.M. Pennington Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. The Rev. J.A. Richardson pronounced the ceremony. The wedding was a secret one, surprising everyone. Mr. Davis is one of our genial and popular merchants and is well thought of. The bride is one of Dale's most charming young ladies, with many accomplishments. They left yesterday morning on their bridal tour, which includes a visit to their relatives in Tennyson, Boonville and Evansville. *The Reporter* joins with the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Davis in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Jan. 3, 1896.)

Query

Edith Williams, Route 7, Box 345, Joplin, Mo 64801, is looking for any information on James Abbot Brown, died 1845, married Sarah Masterson, died 1852, Spencer County, Indiana. They had five children.

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MARCH 14, 1991

One of county's oldest citizens dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Icy hand of death

The icy hand of death claims another one of Spencer County's oldest and well-respected citizens.

John Haines was born in Worcestershire, England, March 25, 1821, and died March 7, 1897, aged 75 years, 11 months and 12 days. He came to America in 1953 and settled on the farm in Luce Township where he died. Minerva Williams became his wife April 16, 1856, and to their union 12 children were born, five of whom preceded him to the goodly land. In addition to farming, Mr. Haines had been engaged in the nursery business for several years, in which was quite successful.

Thus quietly and peacefully passed away one of the old settlers and pioneers of this county, and probably one who did more towards reclaiming and improving it than any of its first settlers. Generous to a letter, a father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, a support to the weak, a consoler of the distressed and an adviser in want. The sick, the poor, the high, the low, all shared equal at his festal board and no one in need of aid or succor ever went hungry from his door.

The weary traveler, the vagrant, as well as those in the higher walks of life sought his home and hospitality, and were kindly treated. His favorite seat in the shady lawn, where he was wont to recline and peruse the daily news is vacant; no more shall we hear his merry laugh and gentle voice; no more shall we be met with a warm handshake and welcome greeting from him. He has crossed the river that marks the unknown shore and from whence no traveler returns. Green be his memory as the May meadow and lasting his friendship as memory itself.

The funeral took place from Mt. Zion Church at 3 o'clock p.m. Monday, Elder Jacobs preaching the discourse in the presence of a large audience, after which the remains were laid tenderly away in the cemetery nearby.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, March 12, 1897.)

Birthday and shower

A birthday dinner and a shower were given Tuesday in honor of Mrs. Ollice Musgrave. She received many useful presents and a good number of friends and relatives were present and enjoyed the day.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 16, 1916.)

Richland chimes

Married: At the residence of the Rev. Hobson, on Thursday evening last, Mr. Ford Dodd to Miss Barbara Bentle. After spending a few days on a wedding tour they returned home on last Sabbath evening and were greeted by their many friends. Life indeed, seems to be opening anew to them, and bright the sunshine of prospects shine over their pathway. Sweet the fragrance of early flowers, merry the song of happy birds and bright the rainbow of promise hangs in its radiant colors over their route; may these bright, new made prospects continue to glow until the imaginary haloes emerge into real sun, whose brilliancy will point them to the goal of man's ambition is the best wishes of.

Scribbler

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 5, 1885.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

March 21, 1991

Horse breaks leg on tracks

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Horse breaks leg

Going home from Chrisney, Saturday night, near midnight, Reed Payne at the railroad crossing north of town pulled his horse up the railroad track instead of allowing him to go ahead up the road. The horse went alright over the railroad ties until he struck the small trestle, above the public road.

The horse broke his leg and spilled Mr. Payne over on the other side of the trestle, where he was found Sunday morning sitting on a rock in the stream almost frozen. The horse was killed and put an end to his sufferings.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 17, 1916.)

County News

Talbott School House

Born to William Crossley and wife a son, and to Harris Parsley and wife, of Muscatine, Iowa, a daughter.

Uncle John Arnold has some of his old Kentucky friends visiting him. He says it makes him feel like a boy to see his boyhood schoolmates.

Uncle Conley Smith visited his brother near Chrisney. He could not attend the encampment on account of sickness of which he is very sorry.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 15, 1893.)

Two miles east of town, at the usual hour, a large number of invited guests assembled at the residence of Aron Ayer to celebrate a birthday tendered by Miss Zettie, his daughter. A nice little shower of presents fell in Miss Zettie's hands and in return she seated the members around broad to a sumptuous supper. Every one enjoyed themselves hugely until a late hour when the crowd departed for home wishing Miss Zettie many more happy birthdays.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Oct. 1, 1885.)

Hatfield man dead

Stephen Stepro, 73, died last Saturday at his home in Hatfield. Death was due to the infirmities of old age.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist Church in Hatfield, conducted by the Rev. S.E. Stroud. Burial was in the Hatfield Cemetery.

Mr. Stepro is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Sally Middleton and Mrs. Nancy Dooley, and seven sons, Charles, Edward, Reevus, Arkley, Emmett, Ossey, Hilbert.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 1 1927.)

Query

Joyce Ann Harris of Route 1, Box 24, Elberfeld, Indiana 47582, is looking for the death date and place of burial for Fred Lamar died in 1941.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MARCH 28, 1991

Mrs. Joe Hargis dies in Akron, Ohio

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in its original form.)

Mrs. Joe Hargis dies

Funeral services for Mrs. Joe Hargis, who died last Saturday, March 26, in Akron, Ohio, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Baptist church in Rockport, followed by burial in Sunset Hill.

Mrs. Hargis was formerly Carrie Winkler, daughter of Frank and Elizabeth Winkler, and was born Feb. 29, 1884. She was past 43 years of age when she died. Her entire life was spent in and near Rockport with the exception the past six years, during which time she has made her home in Akron, Ohio.

She was united in marriage to Joseph Hargis on June 10, 1904. She is survived by her husband, a foster daughter, Mrs. D.M. Stevens of Atlanta, Ga., and one sister, Mrs. Fred Rollins of Akron, Ohio.

She was converted and joined the Baptist church here in 1906. She was faithful to her church and God until death, bearing her long illness and suffering with patient.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, April 1, 1927.)

Detroit-Samuels

The marriage of Miss Margaret Detroit and William Samuels has recently been announced. The wedding being solemnized at the Pentecostal Church in Evansville, Sept. 13, 1934. They are making their home with the bride's father in Evansville. The groom was born and raised in Grandview.

Parley King was 75 years of age last Sunday, and here's trusting he may have many more happy birth anniversaries.

(Taken from The Grandview Monitor, Thursday, Feb. 28, 1935.)

Dr. W.R. Beeler was called two and one half miles east of Newtonville last Saturday to hold an inquest over the body of Henry W. Arthur. It is supposed that he was taken with heart disease and fell into the backwater which he was crossing and drowned. His body was found in water about 18 inches deep where it had lain about two days. Arthur was 45 years old and unmarked.

Melford Shaw, one of our old and respected citizens, died Monday last and was buried on Tuesday, funeral conducted at the Baptist Church. One of his daughters died in Evansville on Saturday last and was buried in Rockport Cemetery on Sunday.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Query

Barbara Lucas of 2411 Meadow Lane, Daytona Beach, Fla. 32124 desires to contact descendants of Capt. J.W. Wartman (Esq), deceased 1917, Evansville, Indiana; son of Fredrick and Elizabeth Bowlin Wartman Lusk.

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The Spencer County Historical Society met March 5 at the Spencer County Public Library with Steve Sisley presiding. He introduced Mark Thompson, a representative of the Turner Publishing House. Thompson gave an informative talk on the advertising, pre-publication sales, history of families, churches, businesses, how many months it would take to complete a community or county hard-bound book. Some of the books he brought to show were *Military History Books, The Tragic Saga of the Indiana Indians, Commemorative Edition for Indianapolis Zoo, History and Families of Vermillion Co.,* also *Lawrence Co. and Pike Co., History and Families of Parke Co., Indiana with Most Covered Bridges.*

The secretary's report was read and approved. The president had heard from the State Library on the microfilming of the *Rockport Democrat.* A motion was made and approved to have the State Library do the microfilming and an agreement in writing with the local library board was made.

The copying of river and other pictures by Wells Printing was quite successful according to Sisley and Charles Beren.

The Little Pigeon Creek Baptist Church records will need to be retyped for proper margins for binding and be advertised for pre-publication sales.

Volume I of the Warrick County, Indiana Cemetery Inscription book has been received, and a motion was approved to buy Volume II.

A motion was made and approved to renew the society's membership in the State Historical Society.

Plans are being made for the "Historian of the Year" dinner. Get in touch with Sisley or Charles Beren for your reservations for the dinner on April 20.

Kris Manley gave the society a box of books that included the original *DAR Membership Oct. 29, 1935, Organizing List Through 1953 Membership, The Great Flood of 1937, Evansville, Ind., Lincoln and His Neighbors, The Lincoln Pioneer Village, a Lincoln Memorial, Rockport, Ind.* by Bess Ehrmann, *Souvenir of the 1937 Louisville, Jeffersonville, New Albany Flood, Historic Rockport and Spencer County, Indiana, the Bluff at Rockport, The Lincoln Country, A Guide for Tourist and Pleasure Seekers, When Lincoln Went Flatboating from Rockport, AD 1828 Lower Landing, George Washington Play and Pageant Costume Book.*

Emily Cooper Bunyon of the Knox County Public Library has a special programming opportunity which is available to the library. She is applying for an Indiana committee for the Humanities Grant--focal point of the program is an exhibit of photographs of Indiana during the Depression.

A motion was made and approved to order the following seven Kentucky books: *Breckinridge Co. Ky., 1853-59-1861 and Various Later Years, Nelson 1785-1807, Nelson 1785-1810, Breckinridge 1852-59-1863, Various Years, Nelson 1852-59-1861, 1874-78-1904, Grayson 1852-59-1861, Various Years, Mercer 1786-1808.*

The next meeting of the Spencer County Historical Society will be April 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rockport Branch of Spencer County Public Library.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

April 4, 1991

Kentucky physician to relocate in Chrisney

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Kentucky physician locates in Chrisney

Dr. E.B. Pendleton, who for the past 20 years has been practicing medicine in Hartford, Ky., has secured temporary quarters at the home of Henry K. and has begun the practice of medicine here.

Dr. Pendleton has purchased the home property of Kentrip Shrode and as soon as possession is obtained his family, consisting of the wife and three children, will join the doctor here. One of the front rooms of the new home will be used as an office, after the family arrives.

Dr. Pendleton is a middle-aged man, pleasing personality and genial disposition. He will readily make friends here.

The Hartford paper, in last week's issue, had many nice things to say regarding Dr. Pendleton, expressing sincere regret that this estimable family was leaving their town to locate elsewhere.

We extend to the newcomers the hands of welcome.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, July 6, 1923.)

Saturday night the principal streets of town were in an uproar with fellows who "took too much the last horn." Several arrests were made by officers but the offenders being strangers generally, were permitted to leave town minus a trial on promise of amendment. Rockport officers believe in administering grave, mercy and peace to unfortunate offenders. All of which is correct.

Wedding Chimes

Thursday evening, Mr. R.G. Evans of Vincennes and Mollie Graham of Rockport were married at the residence of Mrs. Dr. DeBruler in Evansville. "Bless Ye My Children."

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1877.)

S. George Forsten

S. George Forsten was born in Spencer County, Indiana July 22, 1957 and departed this life May 17, 1923, age 64 years, 9 months and 25 days. In December 1882 he was united in marriage to Louisa F. Cohoon. To this union one child was born, Mrs. Gertie Purviance. In December 1906 his devoted wife departed this life to be with God. Since that time he made his home with his daughter.

He was a quiet, honest and upright man, who in the last two years was in ill health. He was very patient during his severe suffering. He became very earnest in seeking the Lord during his last illness, praying much of the time. Shortly before he passed away, being asked by his daughter if he was trusting Jesus as his Saviour, he replied that he was.

He leaves to mourn his departure a daughter and three grandchildren of Chrisney, Ind.; three brothers, Charles and William of Lincoln, Ill.; and John E. Forsten of Helena, Ark., besides a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at Bloomfield, Free Methodist Church by the Rev. H. McKinnell, assisted by the Rev. E.E. Young of the M.E. Church and the Rev. Jacob Bauman, after which interment was made in Bloomfield Cemetery.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, May 25, 1923.)

Query

Allen Moore of 1109 North 400W, Kokomo, Indiana 46901 would like to correspond with any White House descendants.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

April 11, 1991

Area considered by brick manufacturer

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

A brick plant

Roy C. Gaines for the past several months has been endeavoring to get Eastern Capital interested in the clays in this vicinity, with the view in mind of establishing a large brick manufacturing plant here. The matter has developed to such an extent that a representative was sent here to look over the situation. Blocks of lands were indicated and instructions given to secure options to purchase these lands, if same could be done at a fair land value.

Having secured the options an expert would be immediately sent to test out the clays as to thickness, quality, etc. If some proved up satisfactory, work would begin within the next 60 days.

As a consequence Messres, Gaines, Dunns, Medcalfs, Johnson and other have been busy this week endeavoring to secure these options. Every farmer approached by these gentlemen should not hesitate if he has the love of his community at heart, to place a fair value on his land and sign this option.

Of a plant of the character can be landed at this place Dale will be conspicuously placed in the map. We understand that this company will not insist on our people taking stock, neither will they ask a bonus, as is customary, but they will ask the town to build a good road to the site, which the town's dads will no doubt grant.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, March 17, 1916.)

Death of Mrs. Alice Banks

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Alice Banks, wife of Mr. H.B. Banks of Carmi, Ill., was received by telegram Wednesday morning and was a great shock to her relatives and friends. She was a daughter of Uncle Joe Richardson, deceased, and a noble woman, loved and respected by all. It is supposed that her sudden death was the result of heart disease, from which she had suffered for many years. The remains will arrive this (Thursday) evening on the train and the funeral will take place Friday at 3 o'clock p.m. from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Richardson, on Elm Street. She leaves a husband, three children, mother and one sister, who have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, May 18, 1894.)

Snow and cold have been reported in most all directions north, east and west of Grandview the past week. One of the Cadick trucks, loaded with poultry, was caught in the snow in Pennsylvania last week but was held only two days. Several persons have died of exposure in the northwest.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, Feb. 28, 1935.)

Mr. Thomas E. Huston, editor of the *Cannelton Enquirer*, and Miss Lou Hopkins, daughter of Mr. Richard Hopkins, were recently joined in the bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents at Maxville, this county. We extend Brother Huston and his bride our best wishes for long life and happiness.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 24, 1896.)

Query

Mary Stauble of 7503 Beulah Church Road, Louisville, Ky. 40228, is looking for the parents and siblings of Richard Alexander Simpson, born 1839, died 1912, at Ohio Veterans Home, Civil War Vet of Indiana 23rd, married at Spencer County 1882, third wife, Rebecca Eleanor Carpenter, widow of John Dimmett. Carpenter: Any information for parents of Rebecca William and Mary Ellen Carter. Carter: Proof of relationship of Mary Carter Carpenter to Jasper Carter, born 1841, Washinton County, Civil War Vet Ind. 21st, died 1916, Oklahoma.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

April 18, 1991

New business and tourist camp planned by Sargent

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Will open business

Daily Sargent has purchased of John Feigel two acres of land just north of the Underhill Tile Plant on the west side of Highway No. 18 and will erect a building which will include kitchen, dining room, dance hall, filling station and dwelling for the owner and his family. Mr. Sargent also plans to convert the grounds about the building into a tourist camp. The place will be called the Green Lantern.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 23, 1926.)

Obituary

The Rev. John Pinkston was born in Madison County, Ga., Aug. 31, 1849, and departed this life Sunday morning April 8, 1916 at 7:45, age 66 years, 7 months, 8 days. He was an upright Christian man, a loyal citizen true to every obligation. Forty years ago he was called to the ministry and served faithfully to that calling until the time of his death, always ready to respond to the call of duty at all times and in all places. In 1873 he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Adams, and to this union was born seven children, four girls and three boys, two children have preceded to the grave, one dying in infancy.

Grant died eight years ago. Mr. Pinkston leaves to mourn their loss a devoted and faithful wife, three daughters, Anna, Daisy and Gertrude, and two sons, Alva and Travis, also one sister, Mrs. Millie Hagan, three brothers, Harrison, Robert and Larkin, and a host of relatives and friends. A short time ago his beloved wife was awakened by him clapping his hands and saying, "Thank the Lord." She asked him what he had dreamed and he said he could not tell her now, and she asked him later and he said he dreamed he was standing before the King to be judged. We feel he is safe in the heaven of rest and that our loss is heaven's gain.

"Sleep on beloved, take thy rest;
God called thee home, He knows what's best."

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 14, 1916.)

Young people wed

Miss Clesta Fallowfield and Walter Beeler, two prominent young people of this community were quietly married Sunday evening by the Rev. Delbert Haynes. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Fallowfield and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Beeler of Midway.

The attendants were Miss Sryrilda Gleen and Edward Clark. A large crowd gathered at the home Monday night and gave them a charivari.

They will reside at present with the groom's parents. Congratulations.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, April 6, 1923.)

Query

Betty Soprodi, 1901 S. 18th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, 47802, is looking for the death place of: Zelinda Zell Bonnel, born June 13, 1819 in West Virginia and died Feb. 26, 1868 in Southern Indiana. Parents were John P. Zell (Sell) and Mar Tyson from Ohio.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

APRIL 25 1991

Oil found in Gentryville

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in its written form.)

Oil found on Frakes farm

Great excitement is resulting in the neighborhood of Gentryville over the discovery of oil on the Fred Frakes farm.

At a depth of 700 feet the drillers on Monday discovered a good flow of oil. On Tuesday evening the use of nitro gylycerine was made to open up the veins, and at this writing the men engaged in cleaning out a casing the well preparatory to starting the oil pumps.

Various estimates have been made as to the capacity of the well, but a trial will have to be made to ascertain its true value. It is quite certain that a playing flow of oil has been found, and as a result more test wells will be driven, one of which, it is reported will be on the Eberhardt farm.

Thousands of acres of land have been leased between here and Gentryville and those in the neighborhood of the Frakes farm are this week receiving some nice lease rentals.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 16, 1916.)

Mr. George Dawson and Mrs. Mary Squiers were married at the residence of the bride, near Lake Mills, on Wednesday, Feb. 22, the Rev. Hale officiating. *The Journal* joins in extending them best wishes for long life and happiness.

Mr. John Bald of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Fannie Bunner were united in marriage at the residence of Mr. T.E. Snyder in this city, last Tuesday evening, in the presence of a few relatives and friends. The Rev. H.C. Clippinger officiating. The bride is the sister of Mrs. Snyder.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Mrs. Harry Garrison

Mrs. Mayme Garrison, wife of Harry M. Garrison, of Selvin, formerly of Dale, died Friday morning after a prolonged illness of tuberculosis.

The funeral service was held at Newtonville Sunday, the former home of the deceased.

Mrs. Garrison leaves her husbahd, one brother and two sisters.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 7, 1916.)

Dr. Harrison's residence burned

On last Monday evening about 5 o'clock Dr. E.P. Harrison's residence on West Elm Street took fire from a defective flue and was badly damaged before the flames could be extinguished. The alarm was given and the fire company responded promptly and soon extinguished the fire after the hose was turned upon it. In the meantime the contents of the house had nearly all been taken out and escaped with slight damage. The roof and upper part of the building only were burned. The insurance expired last Saturday and as the doctor intended making some improvements to his house he did not renew the insurance, making the loss a severe one.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 17, 1893.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MAY 2, 1991

Extensive damage caused by fires

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Fire destroys factory

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the warehouse of the Rockport Manufacturing Co., about one o'clock last Friday morning. The loss is estimated by Hilbert Bennet, manager, at five to six thousand dollars. Loss on the building is covered with insurance. The manufactured products in the warehouse were about half covered with insurance. The foundry and office were not damaged.

Fire at Grandview

The Methodist Church at Grandview was badly damaged by fire last Saturday. The report came here about noon that the whole town was in danger of destruction, owing to the wind and dry weather, and a company of our citizens took hook and ladder wagon and went to their assistance. By the use of a chemical fire extinguisher, the fire was subdued however, before it spread from the church and that building was not entirely destroyed. The fire was confined to the roof, where it originated. The origin of the fire is unknown.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Nov. 23, 1900.)

Marriage Licenses

J.W. Harris, janitor, Evansville, to Fannie McNary, Henderson, Ky.

Thomas B. McCrocklin, farmer, Little Bend, Ky., to Mae T. Casebier, Prentiss, Ky.

Elmer T. Winkler, produce dealer, to Flora L. Brooner, Dale.

Thomas J. Young, Evansville, to Lida L. Ware, Rockport.

Lincoln City

Nealy and Charley Bench left Monday for North Dakota.

Miss Verna Murray left Friday morning for her home in East St. Louis, after spending several weeks with friends and relatives here.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 14, 1916.)

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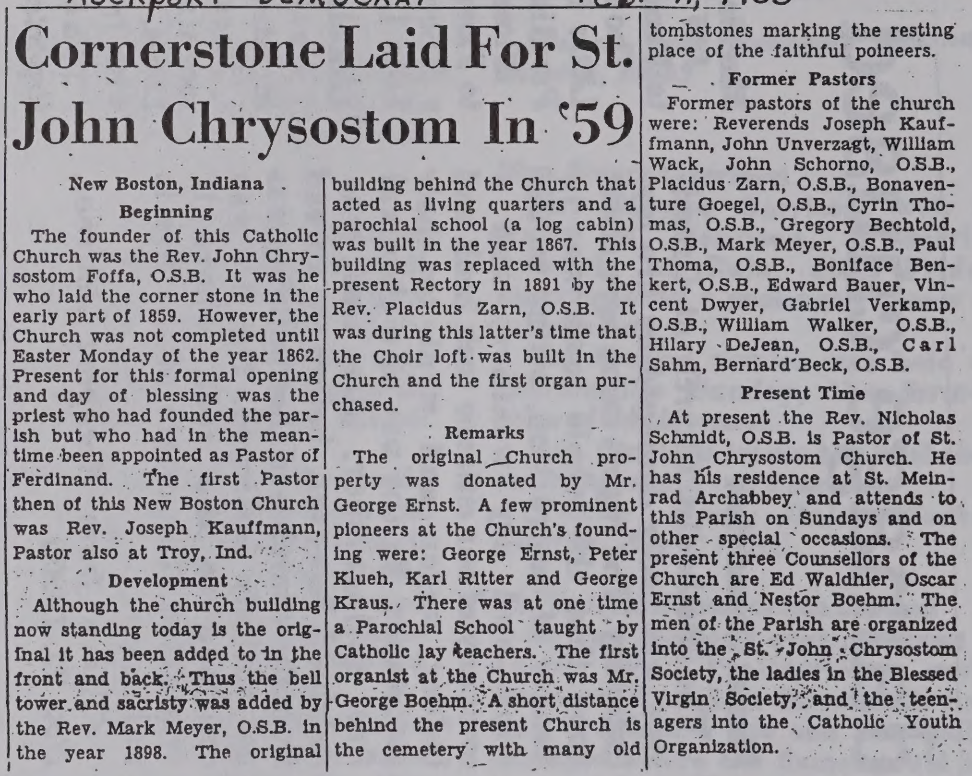

Cornerstone Laid For St. John Chrysostom In '59

New Boston, Indiana

Beginning

The founder of this Catholic Church was the Rev. John Chrysostom Foffa, O.S.B. It was he who laid the corner stone in the early part of 1859. However, the Church was not completed until Easter Monday of the year 1862. Present for this formal opening and day of blessing was the priest who had founded the parish but who had in the meantime been appointed as Pastor of Ferdinand. The first Pastor then of this New Boston Church was Rev. Joseph Kauffmann, Pastor also at Troy, Ind.

Development

Although the church building now standing today is the original it has been added to in the front and back. Thus the bell tower and sacristy was added by the Rev. Mark Meyer, O.S.B. in the year 1898. The original building behind the Church that acted as living quarters and a parochial school (a log cabin) was built in the year 1867. This building was replaced with the present Rectory in 1891 by the Rev. Placidus Zarn, O.S.B. It was during this latter's time that the Choir loft was built in the Church and the first organ purchased.

Remarks

The original Church property was donated by Mr. George Ernst. A few prominent pioneers at the Church's founding were: George Ernst, Peter Klueh, Karl Ritter and George Kraus. There was at one time a Parochial School taught by Catholic lay teachers. The first organist at the Church was Mr. George Boehm. A short distance behind the present Church is the cemetery with many old tombstones marking the resting place of the faithful poineers.

Former Pastors

Former pastors of the church were: Reverends Joseph Kauffmann, John Unverzagt, William Wack, John Schorno, O.S.B., Placidus Zarn, O.S.B., Bonaventure Goegel, O.S.B., Cyrin Thomas, O.S.B., Gregory Bechtold, O.S.B., Mark Meyer, O.S.B., Paul Thoma, O.S.B., Boniface Benkert, O.S.B., Edward Bauer, Vincent Dwyer, Gabriel Verkamp, O.S.B., William Walker, O.S.B., Hilary DeJean, O.S.B., Carl Sahm, Bernard Beck, O.S.B.

Present Time

At present the Rev. Nicholas Schmidt, O.S.B. is Pastor of St. John Chrysostom Church. He has his residence at St. Meinrad Archabbey and attends to this Parish on Sundays and on other special occasions. The present three Counsellors of the Church are Ed Waldhier, Oscar Ernst and Nestor Boehm. The men of the Parish are organized into the St. John Chrysostom Society, the ladies in the Blessed Virgin Society, and the teenagers into the Catholic Youth Organization.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Man arrested for bigamy

MAY/4/1991

A Regular Lady Charmer.

C.L. Frazier the Kentuckian who was imprisoned in the Spencer county jail this spring on a charge of bigamy, was arraigned in Louisville Monday night on a charge of having four wives and no divorce from any of them. It is rather a remarkable record, since Frazier is only thirty years old.

In the spring of last year Frazier appeared at the court house in this city with Miss Pauline Orr, a pretty girl from Fordsville, Ky., and obtained a license to marry her. Miss Orr was a very attractive girl, not only in appearance but of refined manner. They went to Cloverport and went to house keeping. Along last winter Frazier's sister came here from Kentucky accompanied by a young woman who claimed to have married Frazier in Chicago. She had given him several hundred dollars and wanted to "bump" him for having married Miss Orr. After getting evidence and consulting an attorney they departed. It was then reported that Frazier's first wife and some small children were living down in Kentucky. Later the woman who claimed to be married to him in Chicago came to Rockport. Frazier was arrested at Cloverport and brought to the jail here to await trial on a charge of bigamy. At his home in Cloverport he had to leave a three week old baby but declared himself innocent. The woman who was prosecuting him was good looking and well dressed. She remained here and tried to get the sheriff to let her interview Frazier in the jail. Sheriff Sohn would not consent to it but she would stand on the outside of the jail in the sun and talk through the bars to Frazier by the hour. Finally a few days before the day set for the trial when there was no one else confined in the jail and no danger of escape of any other prisoners she was permitted to visit him in jail. They had a lengthy conference and while no one heard the conversation he must have made her some promises because she left the city and failed to appear at the trial which was dismissed for want of persecution. She said all she wanted was for Frazier to go and live with her.

When arrested in Louisville the first of the week he was charged with having taken a watch and diamond ring from Miss Carrie Lee Warner of Winchester, KY., to whom he was engaged to be married. Frazier is a very ordinary looking fellow. Rather homely.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 5, 1907)

Obituary

The busy useful life of our dear mother, Caroline Feigel, at 79 years ended on March 13th, 1917, after a short illness.

She was born Caroline Klink in Paffenhajen, Germany and immigrated with her parents to America when six years old, one of their ten children.

In 1857 they came to Rockport a small village and bought a home. In 1858 she was converted in a cottage, prayer meeting, joining the M.E. Church in charge of Father Ravenscroft who married her to Philip Feigel, who passed to the beyond about five years ago.

Eight children came to brighten their home, Kate, Annie, Mary, Carrie, Amelie, Caroline, Phippip and Emma, three of whom are still living, Mary, Carrie, and Phillip, who mourn their loss. Her faithful consistent life showed delight in Christ and his teaching

She became a charter member of Salem's church also one of the WCTU workers.

During her sickness she sang " Happy Day." Rejoicing to go to her heavenly rest.

She was endeared to many little children, a host of loving friends and relatives and her household. We all miss her, oh how we all miss dear Mother Feigel!

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, March 23,1917)

Query

Donna Thomas, RR#1 Box 65, Grandview, Indiana 47615

Wants to correspond with anyone researching the Metardus Jacob or Jacobs family. Metardus was born @ 1820, and was the father of 17 children, was married three times: 1.Genove Jeger b.@1824, 2. Mary Ann Blum b.@1838, 3. Mary "Yeager" Blum b.@1838 widow of Peter Blum.

She is most interested in the lineage of Metardus and Mary Ann Blum.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MAY 23, 1991

25th anniversary celebrated

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Wedding Anniversary

On Jan. 20, 1912, at their home one mile east of the G.M.E. campground, Mr. and Mrs. William Wetzel celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. About forty of their friends and relatives were present. At five o'clock the guests were ushered into the dining room where a most bountiful meal was served. Immediately after the meal Rev. Clans. Pastor of the G.M.E. Church Of This Place, read the 23rd psalm, after which Rev. Hohannes, Pastor of the G.M.E. Church of Holland Ind. led in prayer. A number of songs were sung followed by short address by Bros. Clans and Johannes.

Mrs. Wetzel then told in a very impressive way of the divine guidance and different experience in the past twenty-five years which was very interesting to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel received a number of presents, also a sum of money amounting to $25. It was an enjoyable time long to be remembered and all left wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel many more years of happiness.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 26, 1912.)

Jacob Bockstahler, age 50, of near Mt. Vernon, Ind., a former Dale citizen, was struck by lightning Monday afternoon during a storm and was instantly killed. He was in his barn when the bolt struck, hitting him in the back of the head. A mule in the barn about ten feet away from Mr. Bockstahler was also killed by the same bolt.

Mr. Bockstahler is survived by his wife and three daughters, Stella, Agnes and Edna and one young son, Irwin. He also leaves three brothers Fred of Dale, In., Louis, of Cleveland, and Rev. William Bockstahler was the son-in-law of John Schaaf of Dale.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 7, 1916.)

The will of Amelia Forler was filed for probate March 29th. Decedent provides first for payment of her just debts and funeral expenses. She then leaves to her husband, certain real estate which at his death is to go to her two daughters, Katie Gottman and Frances Forler, said real estate being described as follows: the northwest corner of the southwest quarter of section number one in township number six south, range number seven west, in Spencer county. The remainder of the estate, real and personal is to go to decedent's daughters Katie Gottman and Frances Forler, share and share alike. Frances Forler was named executrix of the will, which was made April 18, 1911, and witnessed by Arch Stevenson, Anna Gottman and Minnie Babb.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 1, 1927.)

Query

Norma F. Millwee, 4022 Kiva Trail, S.W., Los Lunas, N.M. 87031-9707, would like to hear from any descendants of the following: Frederick Tharp Jr. born 12 June 1842, died 23 April 1914 and Susan Rebecca "Shimer" Tharp born 17 August 1845, died 23 April 1919.

Their children, Isaac, 1866-1938, Sarah, 1869-1953, Florence, 1872-1957, Chris, 1875-1960 and Ida, 1877-1957.

Isaac was married to Annie Biscoe, Sarah was married to George Schreiner, Florence was first married to Joseph Bressler Jr., Chris was married to Mildred "Mellie" Glover, Ida was married to Joseph Fischer. All of the above are buried at Sunset Hill Cemetery. Please help!

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

MAy 30, 1991

Unusual and exciting lightning storms reported in Rockport

Freaks of Lightning

Some very exciting and unusual freaks of lightning were witnessed in and near Rockport last Tuesday, among them the following: Anna Bertrim, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Bertrim, living two miles north of the city was sitting in her home near the telephone when electricity came in on the wire, glanced off and burned a place three inches long on her neck. But luckily she escaped any serious injury.

(TAKEN FROM ROCKPORT JOURNAL, JULY 2, 1915.)

William Herron and son are experiencing a return of patronage at their harness manufacturing plant. For several years they have been pondering the future, but this year they are having many calls for their high quality of home made harness, and find the "machine age" is not supplanting horse work on many of the farms of the county. A large number of farmers have had to struggle along with old harness and this year are buying new goods. We venture the assertion that not many of the county farmers can boast of using harness made by a man above ninety years of age. We trust that Mr. Herron can still lead in making a harness for many more years.

Bernadine Carter, assistant in the post office at Chrisney, and her friend, James Birkhead, motored to Frankfort, Ky. February 12 and were married. Both are well known young folks of Chrisney.

(Taken from the Grandview Monitor, February 12, 1935.)

Logan Anderson, was born April 4, 1877. Met his death December 21, 1925, at Hawesville, Ky.

Found in Lead Creek near Hawesville, on December 24. Death was thought to be due to foul play, for when the body was found, it had been robbed of considerable money.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Hawesville.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, and aged mother, one sister, one son, George E. of Danville, Ill. A daughter, Mae Brown, of Danville, Ill. and a host of relatives.

The remains were shipped to Chrisney Sunday, December 27, where funeral services were conducted at the U.B. Church, in charge of Rev. J.S. Greathouse. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from the Chrisney Sun, Jan. 1, 1926.)

Query

Donna Thomas of RR#1 Grandview,47615 is seeking any information about the George Hurst Sr. family. George was born @1864 and was married to Elizabeth Heaps/Heeps. They lived in the Lincoln City area when Elizabeth died in November of 1902 leaving George Sr. and four small children, William J., George Jr., Frank, and Carla, who were placed in the Rockport Veatch's Orphanage in December of 1902.

George Sr. remarried in the summer of 1903 to Mollie Johnson, Any information on the death of George Sr. or his parents would be appreciated.

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HOOSIER ANCESTORS

JUNE 6, 1991

A murder occurs in Rockport

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

A murder near Rockport

On Sunday morning about 11 o'clock, Robert Doughtery called at Tom Goodman's, seven miles southwest of Rockport, apparently for the sole purpose of getting a quarrel and fight out of him and lost his life as a result. The quarrel soon developed and the fight followed, during which Goodman struck Dougherty over the head with a gun breaking his skull and one arm, from the effect of which he then later died Monday morning.

At 4 o'clock Monday evening Goodman was arrested by Constable Robert Mackey and Deputy Floyd Pennington and was taken to Rockport and lodged in jail.

There were no witnesses present except the wife of Goodman. According to statements of Goodman, it was a case of self defense. He says Dougherty stopped where he was chopping wood and asked what he would do if one should call him a certain vile name. He replied that he would certainly bloody his nose, whereupon he landed him one. Dougherty drew a revolver and attempted to kill him, so he says, and he ran and got his gun. Dougherty ran into him and he struck him over the head with the barrel of the gun mortally wounding him. As stated what facts will develop in the trial remains to be seen.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Friday, Dec. 20, 1895.)

Mayor Harvey T. Chinn has been elected president of the Spencer County Fair Inc.; Salem Parker, vice president; F.J. Fella, secretary; John Vittitow, treasurer; Ben W. Curtis, general superintendent; J.C. Fella, publicity agent; W.N. Richards, contact man; and the dates selected are July 28, 29 and 30.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, May 13, 1937.)

Obituary

Elizabeth Bagley was born in Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 17, 1852, when quite young she came to Indiana, locating with her parents in Dubois County, where she grew to womanhood.

At the age of 15 she united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Bretzville and lived a Christian life to the end. In February, 1876, she was united in marriage to Elihu Abnell. To this union was born five children, O.D. Abell of Evansville; J.A. Abell of Nappanee, Ind., Maggie Hays of Madison, Ill.; William Abnell of Tell City and John of Jasper.

In October of 1891 she was married to John Bagley. To this union two children were born, Mrs. Lena Ray of Chrisney and Irma Bagley, who died at the age of eight years. Surviving also are nine half-sisters, two half-brothers, a stepmother and 16 grandchildren, besides a host of friends and relatives.

Death came at 12:30 Aug. 30, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Ray, having reached the age of 71 years, 1 month and 13 days.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Friday, Sept. 7, 1923.)

50th wedding anniversary

A reception was given last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brooks in Evansville in honor of the 50th anniversary of the marriage of William H. Brady to Mary M Miller. Parents of Mrs. Brooks. a bountiful dinner was spread of which all partook and the evening was pleasantly spent in conversatio interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Mr. and Mrs. Brady were former citizens of Oak Grove, this county, where they were married

About 60 people attended the reception given them last Sunday, among whom were the following from Rockport and vicinity: Mrs. E.C. Stuteville, Mrs. R.B. Snyder an daughter, Arry, Mrs. C.A. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Lony Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Don Seay and son, Don Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. William Parsley and son, Howard, Mrs. Claude Lusk and Mrs. Nancy Brady.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 17, 1915.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

June 13, 1991

Woodward visits the old home

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Visits the old home

Newtonville, Ind., Oct. 18, 1917

Once more I am permitted to return to the elder Hoosier Home, here to mingle with friends and relatives of other days, with my mother and brother, J.N. Woodward, and family of Newtonville and sister, Mrs. M.A. Abbott, and family of Chrisney and numerous relatives and friends over the county and Mr. and Mrs. James Sargent and family of Tennyson. We were also entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Stevens and little daughter, Alice, at their home in Evansville. Special mention is due to my old friend, Taylor Willison, who resides one mile east of Newtonville, where on Monday, the 15th, the following people were delightfully entertained at an elegant 6 o'clock dinner, cooked and served by this prince of chiefs and entertainers.

Although a bachelor, my friend is quite different from the ordinary kind: Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Posey Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Woodward. It perhaps is in order to say that if any fair and winsome damsel succeeds in landing this festive and framed bachelor her further life will be one of elegance and ease, as she will need to do housework only when she feels like it. Not the least interesting was a visit to the Newtonville schools, in charge of a professor of the high school, J.N. Woodward and Miss Esther Fletcher primary. The work being done showed that both teachers and pupils are fully alive to the great duties of preparing them for good citizens of our great country.

I am pleased to say that my mother, Mrs. Mary Woodward, who suffered a stroke of paralysis Oct. 12, 1913, has so far recovered that she can get about the house with the aid of a cane and is able to converse with friends who she is always much pleased to see. After a most pleasant visit, which we will long remember, wife and I return to our Kansas home, where about Nov. 15th we expect to move with our family to Northern California to make our further home. We will ever be pleased to welcome our friends at our home. Will give our new address later.

C.A. Woodward
Westphalia, Kan.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 26, 1917.)

Death

Mrs. Mary Dane died last Monday at her home three miles northwest of town, following a stroke of paralysis which she suffered last Saturday. The funeral was held at Shiloh Church Tuesday afternoon and was conducted by the Rev. A. A. Godbey, assisted by pastor, the Rev. John Dyer. Mrs. Dane was 71 years of age. Surviving are six children, namely: Charles, Miss Eunice, Mrs. Mary Shrode, Mrs. Ida Melton, Mrs. Nell Herman and Mrs. Ora Tullis.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 3, 1914.)

Surprise

A number of friends surprised Miss Blanche Haskins Saturday night. The occasion was her birthday anniversary. Music and games were the amusements and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and the guests departed wishing their hostess the return of many more happy birthdays and thanking her for a pleasant evening.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 17, 1907.)

Query

Mr. B.R. Waller, 7648 Crestland Drive, Knoxville, Tenn., 37939, is looking for a photo or information concerning the old cemetery entrance to Sunset Hill, given by Henry Bartlet Banks Jr. (after 1906) in memory of his parents, Henry B. Banks and Julia Catherine "French" Banks.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

JUNE 20, 1991

Local plant to employee 60 persons in the future

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Local plant to employ 60

Chillicothe Realty Co. to operate local strawboard plant starting in the near future.

Hundred directly affected.

Employment for 60 men will be furnished in the near future, by the resumption of operation at the local strawboard plant, it was reliably reported Thursday.

The plant, formerly owned and operated by the Mead Paperboard Corporation, has been idle for several years. Recently negotiations were completed by which the Chillicothe Realty Co. obtained possession of the plant, and it is under the management of this company that operations will be resumed.

Workmen are now engaged in putting the plant in shape for production, and baled straw is being trucked into the storage lot. Production at the plant will furnish employment for about 40 additional men, working in five baling crews throughout the section. The straw baled by these crews will be trucked to the plant. Approximately 300 tons weekly will be needed for operation of the plant.

Walter Brown, who was connected in the official capacity with the Mead Corporation, is retained as general manager by the new operators. J.B. Snyder has been retained as auditor.

Opening of the plant is hailed as a welcome addition to the city's industrial activities, which only recently has begun to show signs of life since the depression.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 2, 1935.)

An exciting runaway

Graham Lashbrook, of Shiloh neighborhood, in returning from Grandview Monday with a wagon load of empty barrels, had an exciting runaway. He had 21 barrels in the wagon and when near George Barnett's residence, two of them rolled off the wagon and Mr. Lashbrook with them. The team then started to run and were not stopped until they reached home. In entering an open gate the wagon struck a gate post and the horses fell one upon the other.

Only eight barrels were in the wagon then. The others were strewn along the road. Neither Mr. Lashbrook nor the team was seriously injured.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 10, 1915.)

Obituary

God came to a home Sunday morning Sept. 13, 1942, that had been filled with suffering for many weeks and months and released Viola Rae Richard that she might enter that city where is no more pain, sorrow or death.

Mrs. Richards was the eldest child of seven children, born to Scott and Mattie Collier Whittaker on July 17, 1896, in Hammond Township, Spencer County, Indiana. At the time of her death, she was 46 years, 1 month and 27 days old.

On April 4, 1920, she chose as her helpmate, John W. Richard and they traveled the journey together these 22 years. God blessed this union with two children, one son and one daughter, Walter Scott and Vivian Arlene.

She became a member of Collins Methodist Church many years ago, later become converted and transferring her membership to Highland Methodist Church under Rev. Barthol Rogers.

Mrs. Richard was a member of Martha Rebekah Lodge No. 90, which lodge took part in the services.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, John W. Richard; the son, Walter Scott Richard; the daughter, Miss Vivian Arlene Richard, one granddaughter, Carole Sue Richard; three sisters, Olive Ferguson, Helen Brockman and Geneva Dike, all of Lamar; two brothers, Pvt. Elbert Whittaker of Camp A.P. Hill, Fredricksburg, Va., and Pvt. First Class, John Whittaker of Fort Bragg, N.C., and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at New Hope Church near Newtonville with interment in the cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 25, 1942.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

June 27, 1991

Cabbages and chickens stolen

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Someone stealing cabbages and spring chickens

Somebody in this town is living on delicacies borrowed from neighbors after dark. Though the depredations are several, they must be committed by the same person each time because the same things are selected.

Bartly Ince lost three heads of cabbage from his garden and two spring chickens. Adam Haaf missed four heads of cabbage from his truck patch and James Jones mourns the loss of 45 "springers." All three sufferers from the pilfering live practically in the same street--Seminary--so that it becomes quite a neighborhood affair. New cabbage and spring chickens seem to be the combination which tickles the palate of the borrower. There is no clue in this however. Too many people are fond of the above mentioned combination.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 5, 1907.)

Died

Dorthea, wife of Jacob Bornwassewe Sr., died Tuesday night, Oct. 13, 1885, of cancer of the stomach. She was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery this morning at 11 o'clock. She was in her 64th year; leaves a husband, two daughters and a son. The bereaved family have the sympathies of their many friends.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Oct. 15, 1885.)

News items from the courthouse

The will of the late James M. Royer has been probated. The will devises to his four children, Ada Gourley, James, Frank and Polly Royer, share and share alike, subject to one dollar each bequeathed to Mrs. Ella Bentle and Mrs. Sallie Snyder. The will is witnessed by Daniel C. Goble and Simon F. Tower. Ada Gourley is named executrix.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, April 23, 1926.)

David Musgrave

After six months suffering, David Musgrave, one of our aged citizens, died at his home Tuesday afternoon. He has been in poor health for over a year and on last Wednesday death relieved him of his pain. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J.A. Richardson at church Thursday morning, after which the remains were interred in the Dale Cemetery. The GAR Post conducted the funeral. The family has our sympathy.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, Dec. 25, 1896.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

July 4, 1991

Pearls found in Rockport

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Pearls at Rockport

During the past summer and fall many pearls in mussels were found in the river this place, though none of them were of extraordinary value. Large quantities of mussel shells were taken from the bed in the river just above town and shipped to Muscatine, Iowa, where they are cut into buttons. After being dumped out on the bank the mollusk was extracted and the shell only shipped.

One young Lamar man in north Rockport while hauling a load of the mussel meat to feed his hogs picked out a pearl from the mass which was sold for $27.50. One man who conducted a camp sold 17 "slugs" or imperfectly shaped pearls, for $51. The manager of the business collected a quantity of good pearls which he took away with him. Louis Halbruge secured from a mussel worker a curiosity-a-black pearl. It is about half the size of a pea, with the usual appearance and luster only the color is brownish-black.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 8, 1905.)

Mariah Hill items

Mrs. Otille Meyer died on Thursday at the home of her son, Jacob Meyer, after an illness of several months. Mrs. Meyer was 78 years of age. The funeral took plac Friday morning, the service being conducted by the Rev. Marcus Meyer. The interment was in Mariah Hill Cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, May 17, 1907.)

Kaetzel-Schmicker

Married, Sunday evening, June 11, 1916, at 7:30 in the G.M.E. Church by the Rev. William Weller, Clarence E. Kaetzel and Katherine Schmicker, both of this place. Mrs. Jesse Fahr, of this place, and Mrs. Harvey Guth of Louisville, sisters of the bride, acted as bridesmaids. Ralph Schmicker of Louisville, and Roscoe Roell of this place, acted as groomsmen. The little flower girls were Atla Fahr and Eleanor Kaetzel, little sister of the groom. Miss Flora Kaetzel, sister of the groom, played the Wedding March.

The bride wore a beautiful white lace and net garment, trimmed in white satin ribbon. The groom wore black, as usual. The bride carried a bouquet of carnations and green ferns and the flower girls, a bouquet of white roses with green ferns. After the ceremony, Brother Weller preached a very interesting sermon, not only for the newly married couple, but for all. Mr. and Mrs. Kaetzel will reside on the farm just across the way from the church. May their joys be plentiful, their sorrows few, is the wish of their many friends.

One present

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, June 16, 1916.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS July 11, 1991

Young boy wins hero award

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

To receive hero medal

Eleven-year-old boy wins medal for rescue of William Hewig from drowning in the Ohio River.

John Louis Snyder, age 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Snyder, will receive a medal for heroism from Ralston Purina Hero Commission of St. Louis, to be held next Thursday afternoon, Jan. 28, in the high school auditorium.

Young Snyder will receive the medal as a reward for saving the life of William Hewig, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hewig of this city. The two boys were swimming in the Ohio River opposite Rockport on July 11, 1925 when Hewig was seized with cramps. He was sinking the third time when the Snyder boy pulled him from under water and into shore.

The exercises next Thursday afternoon will be in charge of G.F. McNaughton. All the schools of Rockport will assemble at the high school auditorium for the program at two o'clock, which will be as follows:

Song, "America"; prayer, the Rev. C. Harms of Evangelical Church; song by the school children; presentation of the medal by Superintendent T.V. Pruitt; song by the high school; benediction by the Rev. F.T. Taylor. The public is invited to attend.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Jan. 22, 1926.)

Death of Ernest Schriefer

Died at 12 p.m. Aug. 26, 1896, Ernest Schriefer, at the age of 75 years, 5 months and 28 days, born Feb. 28, 1821, in Hanover, Germany, he came to America in 1846, landing at Baltimore, Md. Soon after he found his way to Cincinnati, Ohio, and then to Ripley County, Indiana. Here he married Rebecca Pettibone and with his wife became a member of the German Methodist Church. From 1858 to 1870 he lived near Santa Claus, Spencer County, Indiana. In 1870 he purchased a farm of 400 acres at Prospero, Perry County, Indiana, and with his family moved to this place where they have lived happily together during the past 26 years.

His family and relatives and a host of friends mourn the loss of one so dear. He was ever ready to assist the poor and never a begger went empty-handed from his door. For years he has been known as one of Perry County's most enterprising and industrious farmers. "He has kept the faith, he has fought a good fight. Henceforth there is laid up for him a crown in heaven."

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. McKee.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 4, 1896.)

Local

A number of Newtonville folks were in Chrisney last Saturday attending the shooting match.

Katie Fella of Frenchtown, Harrison County, is visiting her many relatives in Chrisney this week.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1885.)

Query

Gary Morrison of 2997W 1000S, Huntingburg, Indiana 47542, is trying to locate the Old Civil War Camp in Rockport. It was located at the old fairgrounds.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

July 18 1991

Cornie Thrasher marries

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Thrasher-Corbitt

Last Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Esther Thrasher, on the bluff in this city, Robert Corbitt was united in marriage with Cornie Thrasher by the Rev. A.F. Asher, pastor of the Grandview M.E. Church.

To elude showers of old shoes and rice when they boarded the car on Main Street, Mr. and Mrs. Corbitt drove to the crossing on his farm west of town and took the traction to Evansville. There they entered passage on the steamer, Peters Lee, enroute for Delhi, Ohio, where they will visit the bridegroom's parents. On their return they will reside with the bride's mother, but Mr. Corbitt has a house pattern ready and will erect a nice residence on his farm this fall.

The bride was born and raised at Rockport and has been a delivery clerk in the post office where she made many friends, including her husband. Mr. Corbitt came here a couple of years ago to ship Moulder's Sand from here and is still engaged in that business, also operating a farm. There are many to welcome them back to our midst and *The Journal* extends its congratulations to both.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, July 5, 1907.)

Married at the residence of Mr. E.C. Stuteville, his daughter, Miss Calla Stuteville to Mr. Wayne Winkler, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, 1893, the Rev. H.C. Clippinger officiating. After the ceremony refreshments were served and vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed by the guest, furnished by Misses Lucy and Jamie Proctir. A most enjoyable and pleasant evening was spent. *The Democrat* joins their many friends in congratulations and best wishes.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Oct. 13, 1893.)

Local Items

Due to the heavy crop of white clover, bee owners believe this year's production of honey will be pure and exceptional flavor.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 7, 1916.)

Melford Shaw, one of our old and respected citizens, died Monday last and was buried on Tuesday, with the funeral conducted at the Baptist church. One of his daughters died in Evansville on Saturday last and was buried in Rockport Cemetery on Sunday.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1893.)

Local Items

An infant child of George W. Davis died at Rockport last Friday and was interred in the Chrisney Cemetery last Saturday evening at 3 o'clock.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1885.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

July 25 1991

Gillmore lays cable in Rockport

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

The cable laid

On last Saturday, Professor Booth, with the assistance of Captain A.T. Gillmore, of the Morning Star, succeeded in laying the Submarine Cable across the river at this point, without the slightest accident or difficulty whatever, and we are now in communication with all the world and the rest of mankind.

In behalf of the citizens of Rockport and the public generally, we return grateful acknowledgements to Captain A.T. Gillmore, of the morning star and his crew for valuable services rendered on the occasion. Too much praise cannot be bestowed on Mr. Booth for his perserverance and determination to make the enterprise a success--thousands of other men (surrounded by circumstances as was Mr. Booth) would have long since given up the job as a lost cause.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, May 1, 1869.)

Query

Sharon (Probus) Ernst of Route 1, Box C118, Chrisney, Ind. 47611 is seeking information on descendants of James Bolin/Rebecca Kinder of Perry County, Ind. They were married on Oct. 16, 1820. Their son, Willis, was born May 22, 1824 and was her great-grandfather. She will exchange any information with anyone who has information on the above.

Death's Harvest

Dr. William Richey was born in Brown County, Ohio, June 18, 1836, and departed this life at his home in Rockport, Sept. 8, 1896. He removed to Rockport in 1852, afterwards moved to Grandview where he united with the Baptist church and was ordained deacon of the Grandview church in 1871.

He was true to his church until the end of life, his home ever being open to his friends. He leaves a wife, three children, a brother and a sister to mourn his death. He was an honest upright citizen and well respected. He was widely known as the manufacturer and proprietor of Dr. Richey's Oriented King of Pain, a patent medicine which has an extensive sale in Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Grandview last Wednesday at 2 o'clock p.m.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Sept. 11, 1896.)

Homestead burns

The old Kramer homestead, owned and occupied by Roy Kramer, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning at 10:30. Part of the furniture was saved, but the house was totally destroyed. Fire was started by flying sparks. The loss was partly covered by insurance.

Marriage Licenses

Sherman Herron, farmer, Gentryville, to Irena Wiseman, Chrisney; Joe Jones, coal miner, to Thelma L. Ingram, both of Henderson County, Ky.; C.E. Taylor, teamster, to Anna Ryselberg, both of Whitesville, Ky.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Friday, Feb. 23, 1923.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

An old pioneer dies

Aug 1, 1991

(Editor's note: This column is written by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

A pioneer dead

John A. Pinkston was born in Daviess County, Ky., Feb. 16, 1816, removed to Centerville, Spencer County, Indiana, about 1837, where on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1896, he quietly passed away. His wife died several years ago, leaving him with one child to mourn their loss. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in early life and lived a consistent Christian life for more than 60 years, and as long as the Centerville class lasted and was conducted, he was a regular attendant, and at his home the minister of the gospel was always a welcome guest.

He was always kind and gentle in conversation, charitable in disposition. In his death the community loses a good citizen, the family a wise counselor, the public a good man.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. William Shrode and the body consigned to rest in the Centerville Cemetery on the evening of Oct. 5. For some 26 years he had made his home with the family of his son, J.D. Pinkston, to whom he was greatly attached. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement.

(Taken from The Rockport Journal, Oct. 16, 1896. Items from the Chrisney Sun.)

Turnip

John Haines, of Richland, sent us with compliments this week a little turnip. We placed the aforesaid turnip upon the scales when it tipped the beam at 7 3/4 pounds. Good how many more are there like this one. Mr. Haines has several acres of turnips that he says will average 6 pounds apiece.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 5, 1885.)

Surprise birthday dinner

A pleasant surprise was given Mrs. Louis Smith at her home two miles west of Midway last Sunday. She, with her husband, went to visit Mrs. Will Barney, a neighbor who has been very sick for some time, and afterward went to Sunday school at the Presbyterian Church at Midway. On returning home after Sunday school she was greatly surprised to find her dining table loaded down with the very best of the land and her brothers, sisters and numerous friends to greet her.

While Mrs. Louis was greatly surprised she was not too much so but that she soon recovered herself and entertained her friends like the pleasant hostess that she is. Mrs. Louis is a sister to Charles Hoffman, Mrs. Charles Maas Jr. and Mrs. Fred Atkinson.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Oct. 29, 1919.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 8, 1991

Hattie Beeler dies

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Hattie E. Beeler

Hattie E. Beeler was born in Spencer County, Indiana, March 29, 1864, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Beeler, of Grass Township, and died Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m. Sept. 6, 1896 at her home near Midway.

She professed religion in her 14th year and was baptised into the fellowship of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. She was true through life to her Christian duty in her church Sabbath school and union work, and will be sadly missed by her church and her neighbors, and especially by her class of little boys and girls in Sunday school. Her father preceded her to his eternal home one month ago, and she leaves a mother, one brother and seven sisters to mourn one loss--not lost but gone before.

A Friend

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Sept. 11, 1896.)

Winkler-Brooner

Mr. Elmer T. Winkler and Miss Flora Brooner, both of Dale, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon in Grace Memorial Presbyterian Church, Evansville, the Rev. H.A. Hymes, the pastor officiating.

Mr. W.W. Brosheare, of Midway, and Miss Florence Carleton, of Dale, were members of the wedding party, acting as attendants.

Mr. Winkler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Winkler and is the manager of the Winkler & Son Poultry Co. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Millie A. Brooner, and has been a teacher in the public schools the past four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Winkler returned to Dale Tuesday and have gone to housekeeping in the Hensler property on Main Street, awaiting the erection of a nice bungalow which will be erected for them on a lot west of the John Winkler residence.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, April 14, 1916.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 15, 1991

Carding machine is better than ever

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Rockport Woolen Mills and Carding Machine

It is with pleasure that we announce the fact that the veteran wool carder and general dealer in woolen goods, Logan Williamson, is again in the market with an immense stock of goods, and his carding machine is better or better than ever before for the coming season.

We see no just cause for the wool growers of Spencer, or of any of the adjacent counties in Southern Indiana, to pass through Rockport in order to get their wool carded, or purchase their wool goods. We venture the assertion that a better selection of woolen goods of all kinds cannot be found in Southern Indiana, or in Southern Kentucky, than is now on hand at the woolen mills of Mr. Logan Williamson, in our own town. His stock of connels, blankets, coverlets, satinets, etc., together with a full stock of staple cotton goods, such as domestics prints, and ladies dress goods generally every article of which will be sold at the very lowest figures for cash, or given in exchange for wool on the most reasonable terms.

In connection with his carding machine, Mr. Williamson has just added a brand new burr-picker which will prove a great labor saving machine to wool growers who have heretofore been compelled to pick the burrs from their wool with their fingers. We earnestly recommend our friends and the public generally having wool to card or who wish to purchase any article in the line of woolen goods to call upon Logan Williamson at the Rockport Woolen Mills near the foot of Elm Street.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, May 1, 1869.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 22 1991

Runaway team causes injuries in Chrisney

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A run away team of Henry Kramer's came near tearing things all to flinders last Sunday. Joe Chrisney, with his little son, Roy, were in the company with Henry when the animals became frightened at some object in the road. Joe thinking to save himself and baby, leaped for life, and missed his footing, the wagon passing over his right leg, bruising it somewhat-the baby, Roy, came out unhurt. Henry Kramer was jerked through the front gate of the wagon and landed on the end of the wagon tongue but was unhurt. We are happy that no one was seriously injured, while we hope Joe may soon recover from his hurt.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday October 8, 1885)

Local News

A daughter was born last Saturday, April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gowesy. She has been named Catherine Louise.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Yetter of Newtonville quietly celebrated their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary March 28. They planned a homecoming for the day but illness in the families of their relatives interfered. Mr. and Mrs. Yetter are both well. They still reside in the home they started housekeeping in fifty years ago

(Rockport Democrat, April 16, 1926)

Patronville

Willie Hayes, aged four years, died last Thursday at his home on the river of tetanus. He was ill only two days. The body was taken to Leitchfield, Ky. Friday for burial.

(Rockport Democrat, Friday, August 18, 1911)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

August 29, 1991

Railroad to discontinue

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Southern Railway may quit agency.

The Gentryville agency stands to be discontinued unless officials can be made to see it otherwise.

None to receive freight.

The Southern Railway Company's considering seriously a proposition to discontinue the agency at Gentryville. It would appear from the amount of shipping business by the merchants and other people in and about the town that the company could ill afford this step. Joseph F. Holstein has been agent on Gentryville for the past twenty years and is qualified by long service to "bump" agent from better paying positions, Rockport and Boonville of instance.

A petition will more that likely be presented to the citizens and signed by them to induce the railroad company not to discontinue this agency.

Should Gentryville station be discontinued freight would be dumped on the platform with no one to look after and care for it and no one to notify consignees of its arrival.

(Taken from the Rockport Democrat, Friday April 1, 1927)

Winkler-Adams

Mr. Robert Winkler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Winkler, and Miss. Pearl Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Adams, surprised their relatives and friends by getting married while attending the centennial celebration at Rockport Tuesday

Mr. and Mrs. Winkler will reside in Dale for the present and the reporter joins their many friends in well wishes.

(Taken from the Dale Weekly Reporter, July 7, 1916)

New Genealogy Column, Ledger-Tribune, Sunday, New Albany, Ind., free queries. Queries must have a date to establish a time period and connection to the following locations: Floyd, Clark, Harrison, Crawford, Perry, Washington, Orange or Scott counties in Ind.

Information concerning research facilities, family reunions, research tips, new books and genealogical meetings will be included. Information should be sent to: Vicky Zuverink, 3834 Dogwood Road, Floyds Knobs, Ind. 47119. Self-addressed stamped envelope must be included for all correspondence.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Sept. 5, 1991

Dr. W.S. Bryant dies

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from olds newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Dr. Bryant is dead

Dr. W.S. Bryant died at his home in Dale about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, his wife, son and daughter being at his bedside at the time. He had been failing in health since his surgical operation in February, although he had been able to be out at times and with hope of his recovery. He became seriously ill a week ago and suffered greatly until the hour of his death.

Dr. Bryant was a member of the local Presbyterian church, and was the teacher of the men's Bible class in his Sunday school. He was a Mason and a Woodman.

Deceased has practiced medicine in Dale for more than 40 years, although he had practically retired from the profession in recent years. We go to press before the funeral arrangements have been made.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, July 7, 1916.)

Local items
Bradley Station

Those persons who are in the habit of using tobacco during services at the church and continually spitting on the floor would perhaps do better if they would remember the old saying that "cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Clio

The farmers are about through digging their late potatoes. The yield will fall considerably short of an average crop.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Nov. 12, 1885.)

Census 1860
Ohio Township, Spencer County
Name, Age, Sex, Occup., Estate Real & Pers., Place of Birth:

490. Knox, George, 26, m, farmer, -200, Ind.; Martha, 22, f., Ind.; Garrett, Joseph, 9, m., Ind.

491. Sawyer, Samuel, 49, m. blacksmith, -100, Ky.; Permeriah (?), 50, f., Ky.; Louis, 17, m., Ill.; John, 21, m., Ill.; Henry, 16, m., Ill.; Susan, 14, f., Ill.; Samuel, 11, m., Ky.

492. Hamilton, Hugh, 59, m., farmer, 10,000-1,100, Ky.; Marie, 55, f., Ky.; Amanda, 28, f., Ky.; Anne E., 18, f., Ky.; John C., 14, m., Ky.; Susan M., 10, f., Ky., Clarkson, Sarah, 8, m., Ky.

493. Hamilton, Henry, 27, m., farmer, 1,800-300, Ind.; Hester Anne, 23, f., Ky.

494. Hamilton, William, 30, m., farmer, 2,000-250, Ind.; Margaret, 25, f., Ind.; Samuel, 3, m., Ind.; Hugh G., 1, m., Ind.

495. Thomas, Stremper (?), 21, m., farmer, -175, Ky.; Phoebe L., 21, f., Ind.; Letitia, 52, f., Va.; Susan, 16, f., Ky.; Whitten, Hester, 52, m., Va.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Sept, 12, 1991

Sheep raisers meet at the Kriege farm

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Sheep raisers

Twenty-five Spencer County sheep raisers met at Henry Kriege's farm in North Hammond Township on Thursday, May 6, with P.K. Connelly, county agent, in charge of the meeting, and Henry Mayo, sheep specialist, from Purdue University, led the discussion on making sheep raising more profitable. Mr. Mayo pointed out the importance of leguine hay, for both ewes and growing lambs, and emphasized this importance by explaining results of several feeding tests on demonstration farms.

(Taken from Grandview Monitor, May 13, 1937.)

John Veatch, of Weir City, Kan., visited friends and relatives in this city last week. Mr. Veatch moved to Kansas from Rockport in 1867 and this was his third visit back to his old home.

For St. Meinrad's Abbey

An item in the *Louisville Herald* of Wednesday says: "A consignment of church statuary, and a lot of rare old books and scientific for St. Meinrad's Benedictine Abbey, at St. Meinrad, Indiana, passed through the local customs office yesterday. It was addressed to the Rev. Athanasius Schmidt, the Abbot."

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, Oct. 2, 1903.)

Word was received here of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Quick of Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Quick was formerly Miss Mamie Kirk.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, April 1, 1927.)

Deaths

During the past week several of our oldest citizens have gone to that land from which no traveler returns. Amos Medcalf of Grandview died on the 3rd inst., at the age of 72 years.

On the night of the 8th inst., Mr. Robert Wood of Ohio Township died at his residence near Star Mills. Mr. Wood was a very old man, and had been an honored minister for many years.

Mr. David Stillwell, living near Mr. Wood, also died, the same night.

(Taken from The Rockport Democrat, Saturday, March 14, 1876.)

County News
Zoar Church

While Miss Anna Miller was picking pears last week, she lost her balance on the chair upon which she was standing and fell over breaking her left arm just above the wrist. The doctor was called and set the limb and she is as well as could be expected.

Dr. Phillip R. Feigel, son of Mr. Fred Feigel, of this city, will be un d in marriage with Miss Marie Lo e Blatz, in the Church of the Mess , Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday eveni g, Sept. 22. Dr. Feigel has b n practicing dentistry in Louisville several years.

(Taken from The Rockp t Journal, Sept. 11, 1896.)

Local

A dance at Anto Schertzinger's t Hatfield was rotten-egged l t Saturday night.

Married, Sept. 12, 1896 at the bri e residence near Grandview. Char e W. Miller to Miss Bell Grigsby, C . Finch, Esq., officiating.

(Taken from the Rockport Journ , Friday, Sept. 18, 1896.)

Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Fay spent l t Saturday and Sunday visiting re- tives near Yankeetown, in Warri k County, and as it happened to dinner on Sunday on the same fa on which they were married 28 yea before to a day. They had not thoug of it being the anniversary of the marriage until they arrived there.

(Taken from The Rockpo Journal, Friday, Sept. 25, 1896.)

Local Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Marsh, Sparto Pa., announce the birth of a ten-pour son Sept. 9.

(Taken from The Rockpo Journal, Friday, Sept. 12, 1930.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Sept. 19, 1991

Sam Graves marries in Hawesville

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Married at Hawesville
(Taken from the *Cannelton Enquirer)*

Sam Graves, our next door neighbor who is engaged in the insurance business, has finally carried out his threat to do something out of the ordinary some day that would surprise us and others, and on Sunday evening last, quietly slipped over to Hawesville where he was married to Miss Maud Marshall.

The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother where only a few of the intimate friends of the contracting parties were assembled. Mr. and Mrs. Groves will probably reside in Cannelton as soon as Sam feels safe enough to return to Indiana and face his friends from whom he slipped away. Anyway we forgive him for slighting us and we wish him and his wife unlimited happiness. A.E. Williams and wife of this city witnessed the ceremony.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Friday, May 11, 1900.)

Miss Lillie Peckinpaugh entertained a few friends at her home on Seminary Street Thursday night. All had a pleasant time. Those present were: Misses Taylor, Honig, Proctor, Edith and Blance Basye and Messrs Strickland, Gabbert, Glackman, Dr. Otto Baumgaerter.

Estel A., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Kincaid near Richland, died last night at 10 o'clock. Funeral at Mt. Zion at 3 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1899.)

Query

Bessie Roberts of 121 Moonbeam Drive in Monterey Park, Calif., 91754, is seeking parents and ancestors of Isaac Harrell, born in Kentucky (when?) and died in Hatfield in 1836. He married Cynthia Meeks (granddaughter of Athe and Margaret) in 1826. Cynthia married in 1837 her cousin, Mason Meeks). The 1830 census lists an Isaac 20-30, wife and one female under 10. Did this child die in infancy? WCK-FRA's Vol. VII p. 69 and Vol. XI page 85 shown an Isaac born in 1811, son of Noah and Elizabeth Blue Harrell. That would make Isaac only 15 when he married. The history of Warrick, Spencer, etc. on page 23 shows a

James Herald, voter in 1817 at the home of John Wilkerson. Did James leave a will, could he be the father of Isaac? Isaac left a son, Louis, born in 1832 and died in 1918 who married Jane Brant in 1852 M. 2) Mary Miller in 1884. 1850 lists a Keziah Harrell,

15, along with Louis, 19, living with Cynthia and Mason Meeks. Keziah married William Murphy and possibly went to Missouri and son, John, born in 1859. Isaac probably is buried in Richardson Cemetery near Eureka, but no records are to be found. Does anybody have lists of those early burials? Roberts will give a $60 reward to the first person to have proof of his descent.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Sept. 26 1991

Too much booze causes too much troubl

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Too much booze

Three citizens of Luce Township, near Hatfield, drove to Evansville in a wagon one cold day last week, but before starting back all three "loaded up" pretty heavily on "booze." When they arrived at Newburgh one of them went into a house to warm and the other two forgetting him drove off and left him. Whey they got to Pigeon Creek one of them jumped out of the wagon and walked over the creek bank, falling into the water 12 feet deep. He swam across and caught hold of some willow bushes, but was too drunk or too cold to get out, and his partner, forgetting him, drove on home.

When he got there he said to his mother, "What do you think I have done? I lost both those fellows who went with me!" Parties immediately went back and found the man standing in the water up under his arms and his hands frozen to the willow limbs to which he was holding. He was taken home and it is thought will recover, although when last heard from, was in a serious condition.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 11, 1896.)

Mrs. Samuel Roth dead

Tillie Miller Roth, daughter of Adam and Sophia, was born Oct. 6, 1885, and departed this life April 14, 1926, aged 40 years 6 months and 8 days. On Nov. 25, 1903, she was married to Samuel Roth. To this union seven children were born: four girls and three boys. The Angel of Death never visited her home until it came to claim her spirit. She was a devoted companion and a loving mother. She gave her whole time and her life to the care of her home and loved ones.

She leaves her husband and children, Louise Kramer, Julia Roth, Lena Bozarth, Adam, Forest, Emerson and Agnes; one grandson; her mother; four sisters; and two brothers also survive.

The funeral was held last Friday afternoon and the remains were laid to rest in Hackleman Cemetery. The Rev. William Medcalf conducted the services.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 23, 1926.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 7 1991

Mr. and Mrs. George Cramm quietly marry

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Quietly married

On Friday morning last, at the home of the bride in this city, Mr. George Cramm, of Rice County, Kan., and Miss Minnie J. Frey were quietly married. Only a few of the relatives and intimate friends of the parties being present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Charles L. Kuhlman, of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Cramm is a former citizen of this county, a brother to August Cramm, deceased, who was Recorder of this county several years ago. Mr. Cramm went to Kansas about 12 years ago and is the owner of a large tract of good land there, and is also engaged in the saw mill business which he followed for some time in this county. Miss Frey was one of the most estimable ladies of this city and has been engaged until quite recently in conducting a notion store.

After the ceremony and congratulations from friends, an elegant repast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Cramm were also the recipients of many useful presents. They left on the evening train for Harrison Township where they will spend a few days visiting Mr. Cramm's sister, Mrs. Druscell, and other relatives and friends, after which they will leave for their home in Kansas, followed by the best wishes of many friends, *The Journal* included.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 18, 1896.)

The following names were drawn last Monday for jurors for the April term of the Spencer Circuit Court:

Grand Jury: J.C. Stuteville, and A.R. Gentry, Ohio Township; L.B. Lloyd, Gentry Giles and W.B. Gwaltney, Grass Township; James J. Painter, Clay Township.

Petit Jury: I.N. Greathouse and Charles F. Niles, Ohio Township; C.W. Medcalf, Carter Township; P. Chrisney, Grass Township; E.L. Hall, Henry Crowder and Charles S. Jones, Luce Township; George Bender and Daniel Hesson, Jackson Township; J.B. Bradley, Huff Township; G.W. Dawson, Hammond Township; Henry Fleischman, Harrison Township.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 10, 1991

Main Street of Rockport is lit up

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A new light

Professor Kennedy is giving the citizens of Rockport a treat this week, a sample of up-to-date street lighting. A 2,000 candle power, enclosed Arc lamp was hung at the intersection of Fourth and Main Streets Tuesday night and that portion of the town was exceedingly well lighted and was admired by many.

This new lamp is much superior to the old Arc lamp and is now used in Chicago for street and store lighting and is being adopted in other places. Different sizes are used from 800 to 2,000 candle power and like the incandescent lamp, needs practically no attention. Professor Kennedy says he expects to do all the store lighting with this kind of lamp before the end of three months. It gives about five to 10 times as much light as the present incandescent lamp.

Several friends of Mr. Will Brown surprised him last Friday evening, it being his birthday. The following persons took supper with him and a very delightful time was had: Mr. and Mrs. Mort Brown, the Rev. and Mrs. L.D. Moore, Mrs. Anna Mason, Miss Mary Cotton and Mrs. Thrasher and daughters.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, March 3, 1899.)

Marriage Licenses

George E. Wroe, 21, farmer, Spencer County, to Sarah Oskins, 17, Spencer County, married October 25th by the Rev. J.W. Settle.

Walter Arnold, 21, farmer, Spencer County, to Gertrude Williams, 19, Perry County, married October 29th by the Rev. L.F. Ulmer.

Henry W. Mulzer, 34, farmer, Spencer County, to Katherine A. Englebrecht, 28, Spencer County.

Christian Wigger, farmer, St. Meinrad, to Francis Dumolt, St. Meinrad.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, Nov. 3, 1911.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 17, 1991

Woman is run down by traction car

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is in its original form.)

Woman is run down by traction car

Mrs. Michael Temper was struck by a car on the traction line Thursday afternoon and received injuries which may prove fatal. Mrs. Tremper was coming out of a roadway near her home in Grandview when the car struck her and threw her back from the track about 10 feet. Both legs and one arm were broken and she was otherwise quite seriously injured.

Mrs. Tremper who is about 45 years old is deaf and was unaware of the approach of the car when she started to cross the track. The car was within a short distance of the traction depot when the accident occurred and was the car which arrives in Grandview at one o'clock. Motorman Mossman and Conductor Pine were in charge. Mrs. Tremper was unconscious when picked up and was immediately taken to the Evansville hospital for medical examination.

—*(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Friday, July 10, 1914.)*

Mary E. Young

Mary E. Young was born July 7, 1861, at Covington, Ky.,and passed to her eternal reward at her home south of Chrisney on Tuesday, Dec .29, age 55 years, 5 months and 22 days.

She was united in marriage to William H. Young Oct. 21, 1887, and four children came to bless their home. The husband and two children have preceded her to the Great Beyond.

Surviving are Mrs. Lizzie Ayer, William Young, three grandchildren, Tom Lee Young, Mrs. Nella Roetzel of Russell, Ark., Mrs. Florence Davis of Bald Knob, Ark., and five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Nan Fletcher and Mrs. Belle Smith.

She was a member of the Methodist Church for more than 40 years.

Funeral services were held at the Halden M.E. Church last Thursday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. A. Earl Morris and burial was in the church cemetery.

Mortality Schedule 1850

David Wikerman, age 2, male, Indiana, died in June, had croup for eight hours; Joshua Shaw, age 1 month, male, Indiana, died in February, had croup for six days; harbour-pilot, William A.H. Hurst, 33, male, Indiana, died April 2, had pneumonia five days; Mary Johnson, 70, female, Long Island, N.Y., died in March, had a congested chill for two days; Nancy Thing, 66, female, New Hampshire, died July 28, had diarrhea for two weeks; Nancy M. Tuly, 19, female, Spencer County, died May 10, had typhus fever for six weeks; William Clements, 70, male, South Carolina, died in December, had pneumonia for four days; Nancy Tharp, 43, female, Kentucky/?, died in December, had pneumonia for two months; Perlina Tharp, 16, female, Spencer County, died in November, had cholera for eight hours.

Query

Joe Frakes, P.O. Box 64, Crescent City, Fla. 32112, would like to exchange information with anyone researching these surnames: Alley, Ashcraft, Carr, Coy, Dodson, Farrow, Frakes, Friggs, Jenkins, Lanman, Martin, Phillips, Powers, Rice, Stephens, Van Horn, Van Winkle.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

October 24, 1991

Sketch of Mason J. Howell given

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Sketch By--Fairfield

The subject of this sketch-Mason J. Howell- was born in Woodford County Ky., August 1 1796, consequently is now nearly 76 years of age. Has been a life-long, consistent and sterling Democrat, of the "old school," was sometimes by old National Whigs accused of ultra party prejudices and predilections, with occasionally an extra charge of political chicanery--which was without foundation although he was undoubtedly well posted as to the manner in which conventions "were run" and "nominations secured." His character as a neighbor and gentleman is untarnished. His social qualities and admirable tact in serving his friends exceeded by none, which his proverbial kind heartedness as a man and Christian cannot be excelled, as is by his many friends well known. His father's name was Gilson Howell who removed to Hopkins Co., Ky., in 1799, and died in 1801, his mother remarried and removed in 1808 to "Red Banks," now Henderson, Ky. Remaining there two years, he placed himself under care of his grandfather, (Mason Jones for whom he was Christened,) who lived near Yellow Banks, (now Owensboro, Ky.,) and with whom he remained until he was 18 years of age. He then volunteered in Captain Tyler's Company of Mounted Volunteers; marched to Georgetown, Ky., and with the company followed Gov Shelby's command crossing the Ohio River at "Red Stone", near Marietta, Ohio. There were 68 of the company, and Phillip Thompson formerly of Owensboro, Ky., was 1st lieutenant, reached Lake Erie, 12 miles above Sandudky Bay, in 1814, and encamped, awaiting Shelby's return who had captured the main body of the British Army, and who returned, bringing the prisoners to that point.

Was then discharged, and reached home, at residence of Thompson M. Jones, six miles from Owensboro, about 70 or 80 days from the date of volunteering. From thence moved with his uncle to Tippecanoe neighborhood, in Spencer County, Ind., where he married in 1816, lived two years in Warrick county and thence to Spencer County near Midway, where he lived until 1838 and then received appointment as register of the U.S. Land Office Jeffersonville, to which place he moved acting as register until 1841, when he resigned (resignation to take effect 1st of July 1841, after General Harrison's inauguration as President.) and returned to his home in Spencer, where he live several years, and from thenc removed to French Island, where h lived until Nov. 1870.

In 1816 the Colonel had marrie Miss Nellie Rogers, a daughter of th Hon. Matthew Rogers, with whom h had spent many days of a no uneventful life, and at French Islan lost the partner of his bosom, to whom he had been tenderly attached, an died 17th Nov., 1870, aged 78 year leaving the Colonel desolate, but no "mourning as those without hope.: H has enjoyed fair health since his fir removal to Indiana, and a fair shar of such honors as could be bestowe upon him by his fellow citizens o Spencer and adjoining counties, b whom he was for six consecutiv sessions of the Lower House Legislature returned as their legs a trusted representative, and also for three year term in the Upper House, as generally termed, the Senate, b whom his worth and busines capacities were recognized and whe he was by such men as Oliver Smith and other former great men Indiana highly regarded. Th colonel now resides with his son, S. Howell, ESQ., on third Street Rockport. And enjoying a green o age, which we trust may be prolong indefinitely for the benefit of the goo people of the state of Indiana.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS October 31, 1991

Sheriff Nunn submits without a murmur

(Editor's note: This column is complied by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

(Taken from Rockport Journal, December 29, 1893)

Sheriff Nunn Submits to the Ordeal Without a Murmur.

Mrs S.W. Nunn planned a very pleasant surprise for her husband, our efficient and popular county sheriff on last Thursday, his 60th birthday anniversary, and with the assistance of a few friends, carried it out to perfection.

Mr. Nunn accepted an invitation to take a trip with recorder May to Grandview and when they returned at noon and Mr. Nunn entered his residence, to his complete surprise found the house filled with his friends and for a short time was unable to understand what it meant. He had been kept in blissful ignorance of the affair up to that moment, but soon took in the situation and enjoyed the occasion very much. A fine dinner was served of which all partook freely. When Mr. Nunn turned his plate over at the dinner table he found a fine gold watch, a present from his wife and when dinner was about half through, Mr. John Heinzle appeared with a beautiful gold headed cane, a gift from the county officials, which he presented Mr. Nunn in a most appropriate speech.

It was a pleasant affair and will long be remembered by those present, among whom were Uncle Jack Richards and wife, Aunt Sallie Ruble, Aunt Bina Richards, Uncle Jim Rasor, Uncle John Beeler and wife, the county officials and many others.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, November 11, 1880)

Wild turkeys are reported to be roaming in the lake drain bottom Will Simpers shot two of them Thursday last. And Harry Briscoe brought another down the same day. John Robinson found twelve wild turkey eggs out there and has put an old hen at work on them.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, November 2, 1938)

Wills Probated

The will of Richard Wagner, deceased, of Harrison Township was filed for probation Oct. 20th. The instrument was signed Aug. 18,1938. And was witnessed by John M Tretter and Jacob Nord. His property is willed in equal shares to his children, Rose Elizabeth, Juliana, Jerome, Rita, Louis, Leonard, Joseph, and Eugenia Wagner. His daughter Rose Elizabeth is named executrix.

The will of Joseph Durringer was filed in Spencer Circuit Court Oct. 20th. The property is willed to his brothers Joseph, Andrew, and Wendel Durringer, his sisters, Rachel Shady and Kunny Gulder, and to his niece and nephew, Aline Meyer and Adrian Durringer. The niece and nephew are to receive one-sixth part. Joseph Durringer is named executor.

Marriage Licenses

Charles Schaeferm 21, truck driver, Rockport, to Marie McBride 18, Lamar.

David Blair, 22, Carpenter, Warrick County, to Georgia Roth, 18, Gentryville.

Elmer L. Peal, 23, laborer, Owensboro, to Cora Mae Peak, 21, Rockport.

Charles Knowlton, 51, farmer, to Lillian Smith, 35, Grandview.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

November 7, 1991

Skeltons found in river bottoms

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(Taken from Rockport Journal, September 29, 1916)

While workmen were excavating for a new residence for Mrs. Henry Kramer on the mound farm in the Ohio River bottom they came across skeletons of three Indians in a sitting posture and buried right close together, also found flints. The skeletons after being exposed to the air crumbled badly. This mound probably covers almost an acre of ground and the land for miles around overflows by the Ohio River, but the water seldom gets over this mound. They also found something that resembled wood ashes as if the Indians or mound builders had piled great heaps of logs and covered them with dirt before erecting the mound. It must have taken an immense amount of work to build this mound and it is strange that they would build it when it is only a few miles to the hills which were suitable for their burying ground. Ever since we have known the farm there has been a house and barn on the mound. Mrs. Kramer is thinking of notifying the state geological society and let them explore the mound.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, November 11, 1880)

Married

William Allen, of Evansville to Nannie Lampton of this city. The happy pair now made one have our best wishes and congratulations. They will reside in Evansville.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, February, 27, 1931)

John Weber Passes Away After Five Days Illness.

The entire community was shocked and saddened Saturday upon learning that John Weber had passed away during the night, he had been ill only five days with pneumonia.

He was highly respected by his neighbors and will be greatly missed for a long period of time.

He was a prominent figure in all church affairs having served as an officer for several years. Although yet comparatively young, he had made a mark in the history of the community that will possibly never be erased.

Following is a short sketch of his life:

He was a member of St. Martin's Catholic Church, having served as a trustee for the past four years.

Besides his wife and children he is survived by his father and mother, four sisters; Mrs. Nettie Ebelhar of near Owensboro, Mrs. Mayme Fella, Mrs. Florina Brahm and Mrs. Roselee Miller all of Chrisney, two brothers, Edward and Leo of Chrisney, and Many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock at St Martin's Catholic Church with Rev. Thomas A. Hoffman officiating. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

John Francisa Weber was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Florian Weber, was born March 2, 1892 near Chrisney and died February 21, 1831 at his home five miles northwest of Chrisney at the age of 38 years. Eleven months and ten days after one week's illness.

In the year 1914 he was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Trinkle, To this union was born a daughter, Elizabeth and a son Fritz.

John was devoted husband and father, and a honest industrious, helpful neighbor and friend.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

November 14, 1991

Death of an old citizen is told

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Death of an Old Citizen.

Died at her home about one and a half miles south of Rockport, last Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock, "Aunt Sylvia Young, ages 83 years, after a short illness of pneumonia. She had lived in this country about fifty years and had been a member of the M.E. Church of forty years, ever since an organization has existed here, and held the high esteem of all. "Uncle Jimmy" her griefstricken companion, now 88 years of age, has the deepest sympathy of all. To them were born twelve children, only four of whom are living. The funeral took place Wednesday at one o'clock PM., Rev. H.C. Clippinger conducting the service, and the remains were then laid to rest in Rockport cemetery.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, December 15, 1893)

Lincoln City

Married, Sunday morning at the home of the bride, Miss Blanche Van Winkle and Mr. John Murry. Miss Blanche has been a successful teacher in our schools and Mr. Murry has a good position with the Southern Railroad. They have the best wishes of their many friends. They left immediately on the morning train for Mr. Vernon. The young people gave them quite a shower of rice etc., as they boarded the train.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, September 6, 1912.)

A Sudden Death.

Mrs. Julius Hoffman died very suddenly at her home five miles north of this city Wednesday afternoon of last week. She seemed in her usual health at noon, and then sometime after dinner went into the orchard to get a basket of apples, but shortly afterwards her daughters heard her moaning as if suffering, and ran to her. They found her lying under an apple tree, speechless, and carried her into the house where she died a few minutes afterward. A physician was summoned but her spirit had taken its flight before he arrived. It is supposed that her death was caused from paralysis. The funeral services were conducted on Thursday by Rev. Kuhlman, of Grandview, after which the remains were laid to rest in Grandview cemetery. She leaves her husband and six children-five daughters and one son-who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, October 2, 1896.)

Will Probated.

The will of the late James M. Royer has been probated. The will devices to his four children, Ada Courley, James Frank, and Polly Royer, share and share alike, subject to one dollar each bequeathed to Mrs. Ella Bentle and Mrs. Sallie Snyder. The will is witnessed by Daniel C. Goble and Simon F. Tower, Ada Gourley is named executrix.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, April 23, 1926.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Nov, 21, 1991

Tinkler complains about census-takers

(This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

An old settler

James Tinkler, one of the oldest settlers in Spencer County, called at our office last Monday, and paid his subscription to the 16th volume of the Democrat. Mr. Tinkler settled in this county in the year 1814, and has been a resident of the county ever since. He is now 68 years old, and complains that the census-takers never called upon him to see whether he was living or not.

Mr. Tinkler has been voting the Democratic ticket 47 years, endways; and is anxious for next Tuesday a week to roll round, so that he can have another whack at the enemy. He entertains no fears of the final triumph of the Democratic party, and is fixing his ticket already for the next presidential election.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, Oct. 1, 1870.)

Lala Bales Peacock, daughter of William and Charlotte Bales, was born April 16, 1863, and Dec. 24, 1893, her spirit went to meet that of her sister, Anna, that took its flight only three days before. She married John Peacock, the now bereaved husband, June 28, 1886, and moved with him from Spencer County, Ind., to Springston, Ill., five years ago.

Lala joined the M.E. church quite young and died leaving evidence that she was ready to meet her Saviour. Remains were brought to Shiloh where they were laid to rest. The funeral services were conducted by the Revs. Wallace and Hale in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Dec. 29, 1893.)

Local

Marshal Sargant has a pair of unfortunates working out their fines on the public streets. This is an excellent way of thinning out the crop of loafers who violate municipal ordinances and then board their time out at the expense of the county. Do it again, Chief William.

A.D. Garlinghouse and Company have just invoiced a $4,000 stock of fresh drugs chemicals, dye stuffs, wines, brandies, cigars, tobacco, oils, paints, glass, etc. This perhaps is the largest invoice of goods ever brought to the city; and indicates a thriving business.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, Saturday, Nov. 24, 1877.)

The railroad company is having a pavement laid on the west side of the main track between Market and Chestnut Streets. When completed, it will be a great improvement to the town.

(Taken from Chrisney Sun, Thursday, Dec .17, 1885.)

Lamar

The Rev. Meyer of near Indianapolis arrived here with his family Wednesday. He has been elected pastor of the German Evangelical Church near here, and will conduct services there next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Weekly, Oct. 2, 1903.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Nov 28, 1991

Croswell sends regards to soldiers

(Editor's note: This column was compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Sketch by Fairfield

Daniel Croswell, born in Rowan County, N.C., on Yadkin River, within 10 miles of Salisbury Court House, in the year 1787 and now is 84 years of age, lived there until 1812; was married June 7, 1817; was drafted in Capt. John Frost's Company 4th Regt. Pinckney's Brigade, at Rowan County in North Carolina, Oct. 8, 1812. He served as a private soldier on the frontiers of Georgia, in the Creek Nation, and while on duty as picket guard at Fort Hawkins, received a gun shot wound in right breast, the bullet being yet under the right shoulder blade. The shot was fired by a lurking Indian.

He moved from North Carolina to Tennessee in the fall of 1813; from Tennessee to Kentucky in 1816; from Kentucky to Pike County, Indiana in 1826; from Pike County to White County, Ill., in 1829 from White County to Washington County, Ind.

In 1830 from Washington County to Spencer in 1840, and has lived in Spencer ever since. His wife whose maiden name was Elizabeth Boulsjack, died the mother of 13 children and died about the year 1860; has four living boys and four living girls, who live in Washington and Spencer counties. He sends greetings to all old soldiers of the War of 1812.

(Taken from Rockport Weekly Democrat, April 8, 1871.)

Query

Dr. Douglas Wilson of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill. 61401, (309-343-0112), is interested in contacting any descendants of those interviewed by William Herndon, law partner of Abraham Lincoln. These interviews taking place after the death of President Lincoln. Names of interest from Spencer County are: Ms. Allen Gentry, Ms. Elizabeth Crawford, John R. Dougherty, Nathaniel Grigsby, Dexter Houghland, Sam E. Kercheval, John W. Lemon, David Turnham, J.M. Wartman. Any information on locations of any supporting biographical information or where to locate the information would be appreciated and will be investigated.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Dec 5, 1991

Couple married underground

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Wedded Under Ground.

Last Wednesday morning Logan Oskin, of Gentryville, a teacher and composer of music, got on the east bound train and was joined at Lincoln City by Miss Clara Klingensmith. Rev. C.C. Lamar joined them at Eckerty and all went to Marengo. They were met there by Rev. Sampson Cox, and after dining at the Murphy hotel they secured a guide and went in the cave. They were joined at the cave by several ladies, seemingly strangers. When the party arrived at the bridal chamber Rev. Lamar called the crowd to a halt and spoke the words which made Logan and Clara husband and wife, after which Rev. Cox offered prayer in the behalf of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Oskins slipped away unknown to all their friends except for the bride's brother, John, who accompanied them. After the ceremony the ladies came forward to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Oskins and he recognized some of them as old-time friends, and Mrs. Oskins found that one of them at one time lived at Lincoln City. They promised the happy couple they would each piece a crazy quilt block in memory of the crazy quilt room in the cave with their name on it and send to them, which they gladly accepted with thinks. The party proved to be good singers and the "Sweet Bye and Bye" was sung and the echoes rolled on and on which was very beautiful indeed, as all parts were sung. Then when they came to rock of Ages the hymn "Rock of Ages" was sung with effect as before. After viewing the entire cave they returned to the hotel where they received the congratulations and good wishes of all. Then the couple took the train to Lincoln City where they will make their home.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Klingensmith of Lincoln City. She is a seamstress and a teacher of instrumental music. For the past two years she has been cooking for two restaurants in Lincoln City and received many congratulations from the travelers for her excellent work in baking and preparing food.

The groom is a teacher and composer of music, teaching and composing for band and orchestra and vocal music. He never took a lesson, yet holds state license with a grade of 100. He has taught music in Spencer, Warrick, Dubois, Pike, Perry, Crawford, Harrison and Washington counties, where he has many friends. He has taught music in public schools. He won first prize in a national music contest held in Virginia, in which writers from all parts of the United States took part. He is now conducting the music for evangelist C.C. Lamar. Mrs. Oskins will join for most of the summer as organist. They will be at home in Lincoln City Sept. 5.

One Present.

(Taken from Dale Weekly Reporter, September 6, 1912.)

Kennedy Will

In the name of God Amen. I, Robert Kennedy of the county of Spencer and State of Indiana being of perfect mind and memory and knowing that it is appointed one for all men to die do make, constitute and appoint this my last will and testament. As to the property that it has pleased God to bless me with I do give, grant, will and bequeath to my son Matthew Kennedy one dollar to be made out of my personal property in addition to what he has already received I also give, grant, will and bequest to my sons Samuel Kennedy and Robert Kennedy the quarter section of land where I now live to be equally divided between them to be their right title and claim forever and as to my movable property I do give, will and bequeath to the aforesaid Samuel and Robert Kennedy all of the stock of horses that I now have or may own at my death. To be equally divided between them to have and to enjoy as their own right and property. And as to the stock of cattle and hogs that I now have or may have at my death I also give will and bequeath them to the aforesaid Samuel and Robert Kennedy reserving the two cows for my daughters Mary and Rebekah Kennedy the cattle and hogs reserving the two cows aforesaid to be equally divided between the aforesaid Samuel and Robert Kennedy and that part cattle I now have or may have at the time of my death I will and bequest to the aforesaid Samuel and Robert Kennedy and also I give will and bequeath to my son-in-law George Earino one dollar to be paid out of my personal property in addition to what he has already received and to my daughters Jean Mary and Rebekah Kennedy I will and bequeath to each one feather bed and the furniture thereto belonging Rebekah to have the bed where on I lie and to Mary and Rebekah Kennedy I will and bequeath to each a new flax wheel to be their right and property and also I will and bequeath to Mary and Rebekah Kennedy one cow to each of the aforesaid girls.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of November one thousand and eight hundred twenty four.

Robert Kennedy (Seal).

Signed in the presence of:
Magnor Heady
William Wakefield
James Wakefield
Recorded Feb. the 24th 1831
James Wakefield CSG

(Taken from early will book of Spencer County, Ind. 1818-1831.)

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

December 12 1991

Birkshire rescues library records

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An Old Record

John Birkshire rescued from among the old books that were over the river bank when the new court house was completed, a record of the Spencer County library that dates back to Jan. 1, 1881.

The first record is of the above date and pertains to the organization of the board and the swearing in of the trustees by Justice of the Peace, John B. Greathouse. The trustees were John M. Brady, John M. Barnett, William Bennett, John B. Daughterty, John W. Grayham, and William G. Thomas.

"There being a 'corum" present they proceeded to choose and did chose John W. Grayham as president agreeable to an act of the general assembly approved February 7th 1826. Then proceeded to choose a librarian and treasurer and on counting the ballots, Mahlon W. Naney was chosen librarian and Daniel Grass treasurer."

(Taken from Rockport Journal, April 15, 1927.)

Mrs. James H. Tylor received a letter from her brother, James Stevenson, in New Mexico, telling how his son Grover was killed, the announcement of whose death was given in a telegram on Wednesday last week. He was conductor on a passenger train running from El Paso to Tucson, and was shot by one of four Mexican bandits who crossed the border and entered his train.

Mrs. Pauline Richards and Miss Katherine Pyeatt entertained last Friday night in honor of Miss Edna Thompson who leaves soon for Indianapolis to reside.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, September 29, 1916.)

Celebrate China Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Young celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 17, at their home near Enterprise. Altho the day was an unusually bad one there were forty two present. The day was passed in feasting, music, and readings by Miss Eloise McKeney. Many beautiful pieces of china ware were presented to the couple in the afternoon. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Young many more happy wedded years.

One Present

Mrs. Sherman Bridges

Mrs. Priscilla Tremper Bridges died Monday Nov. 18th at her home in Carthage Ind. aged 45 years, 9 months, and 9 days. Remains were brought to this city and funeral services were held Wednesday from Mayhall's Chapel, with burial in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Rev. P.F. Fouts conducted the service.

Mrs. Bridges is survived by her husband, Sherman Bridges, four daughters and one son. The family formerly lived here, but removed to Mr. Vernon, Ind. thirteen years ago, going from there to Carthage.

(Taken from Rockport Democrat, November 22, 1918.)

"Query"

Barbara Lucas, 2411 Meadow Lane, Daytona Beach, Fl. 32124, is seeking descendants of (1) Bailey W. Hamilton and Susan Inglehart, (2) Samuel H. Miller and Isabelle Inglehart, (3) John Mackey, (S/O Jacob Mackey, and Lipha Barnett), (4) Mary Mackey and Daniel Williamson.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

December 19, 1991

Farmer's elegant home destroyed

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Farmer's elegant home

A farmer's elegant home was destroyed by the angry flames, turning its occupants out in the darkness in a mid-winter storm.

Joshua Parker Sr., a farmer living in Lake Mill neighborhood, and an old and respected citizen of this county, lost his home by fire last Saturday, Jan. 10, about 4 p.m. No one was at home with him at the time, except his daughters, Misses Lida and Emma. His wife and two sons were in Rockport at the time. The fire originated from a defective flue at the west end of the house, and was too far advanced when discovered to be subdued.

Mr. Parker, on account of old age and rheumatism, was not able to work in haste. As was necessary, and had been lying in bed most all day. Yet he and his daughters, with the help of neighbors who got there in time, saved about one-half of that was downstairs. The contents of this home were the hard earnings that these two aged people had saved in their lifetime, and now in the evening of life, their happy home is lost in a single hour. When Mrs. Parker and her sons returned home from Rockport they found all in ashes and neighbors with sad faces standing around.

Dark soon set in which only added gloom to the sadness and found family without a home, in the pelting storm in mid-winter. The two daughters lost all their clothing, except what they had on; did not save even their bonnets or hats. The loss was about $2,000; no insurance. Mr. Parker had kept all his property insured for many years, but his policy expired about three months previous to the fire, and, through neglect, did not take out another. Mr. Parker and his family feel very grateful to the neighbors and friends for all their sympathy and kindness in every way.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Jan. 16, 1891.)

Ancient landmarks

The two old wooden buildings just west of Fred Walker's store, on Main Street, are being torn down and removed this week to give room for brick business houses, which will be erected there by Mrs. T.C. Basye a Mrs. H.W. Green, who own the lo One of the buildings is made of hew logs, and both are certainly very o as our oldest citizens can n remember when they were built. Th new buildings will be quite a improvement. Let the good wo proceed.

Mr. J.G. Baum of Princeton h rented the store room, now occupied b Mr. Lieber and will open out there o the 25th of this month with a full li of dry goods, clothing, notions, in fa everything the people want to buy. will be known as the Bost Department Store. Mr. Baum was this city Tuesday, and in compa with Mr. Albert Lieber made *Th Journal* business call.

(Taken from Rockport Journa March 3, 1899.)

Query

Ruby Andrews of 1055 Puget Dri East, Port Orchard, Wash., 98366, interested in the James Small-Pol Wilkinson family. They wer married in 1817 in Warrick Count Indiana.

Theresa Fulbright of P.O. Box 209 Batesville, Ark., 72503, is intereste in corresponding with Rout descen dants.

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

Dec. 26, 1991

Birthday surprise held for Balderson

(Editor's note: This column is compiled by the Spencer County Historical Society, partially from old newspapers and clippings. The information is written in its original form.)

Birthday Surprise

Last Monday, 2nd inst., was Mrs. Ann Balderson's 79th birthday. Grandma Balderson, as she is familiarly known, is still hale and hearty and apparently enjoys life with the best of us; but she acknowledges for once that she was completely surprised when her sons and their families and her most intimate friends began to arrive at her home on Elm Street with well filled baskets, containing all the luxuries that go so far towards making this life endurable, and began at once to spread a sumptuous birthday feast. Grandma surrendered at once and bid her "turbulent" friends to have things their way, which it is useless to say, they proceeded to do, and the day was highly enjoyed by those present, who were, Mr. Robt. Balderson and family, Mr. James Balderson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hurst, Mr. and Mrs., James Hill and others. Several presents were bestowed on Grandma, as a token of love, and the Journal vies with her many friends in wishing her many happy returns of the auspicious day.

(Taken from Rockport Journal, Feb. 6, 1891)

Attention Soliders!

All the soliders of the late war are respectfully requested to meet at the court house in Rockport, on Saturday, Feb. 21, 1880 at 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of considering matters of great importance to themselves.

F.M. Thurman, J.D. Armstrong, H. Hutchinson, Henry Ribkey, James Ross, J.A. Dailey, H.P. Ellis, F.M. Hackelmen, L.G. Smith Jr., J.D. Higgins, J.F. Beard, Wm. Prosser, James Doyle, E. D. Hudson, E.M. Burr, S. B. Littlepage, W.J. Hales, H.T. Boon, H.C. Mears, W.L. Partridge, Allen Gentry, Abe Crow.

(Taken from Rockport Journal Feb. 12, 1880)

The Tobacco Market

James Buckner, one of the big tobacco men of Louisville, Ky., has leased the Hardy Tobacco Warehouse in this city and will open same business about October 15. Mr. Henry of Louisville will be the local manager, assisted by Capt. Anthony Stevenson of this city. We are thus assured of two tobacco buyers, Mr. McClary having already taken charge of the Kitchen Warehouse.

The big warehouse on Seminary and Eighth Streets will also probably be opened for business but so far we have received no announcement of it. The prospect is for good price and a handy market for Spencer County growers of tobacco this year.

(Taken from Rockport Journal September 29, 1916.)

"Query"

Sean Daughtery, Founders Hall Room 139, P.O. Box 8805, Dayton, Ohio 45401-8805, is interested in corresponding with anyone researching the following lines: Abshier, Ebright, Garett, Hammond, Haines, Maddison, Richey, Sanders, Stevenson, Tilly, Brock & Daughtery of Spencer and Perry counties. Also the Sims family of Hancock County, Ky.

Mary Jane Zellers Route #6 Box 167, Rochester, Indiana 46979, interested in Anna Medcalf b. 1857, wife of Benjamin. When did she die and what was her mother's name.

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